

Players from Man. City, Boro, Leeds and Coventry reveal
'WHY WE MISSED OUT ON THE TROPHIES'

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THE BARGAIN BUY OF 1977-78...

He cost only £130,000, but he helped his new club battle for the Championship. We name him in our exclusive summary of the transfer scene.

Willie Young, new hero of Arsenal's North Bank (right), and Frank Stapleton in command against Manchester City at Highbury.

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WHY THEY MISSED OUT



'INJURIES PLAYED A BIG PART IN BORO SLUMP'

JOHN CRAGGS
(Middlesbrough)

Under Jack Charlton, we had been more defensive. But when John Neal took over, we attacked far more and it was all change, needing time to adapt and settle to. But I think we can do well next season if we make a good start. We have some very useful players and, as our record in the F.A. Cup shows over the last four years, we can beat almost all the top clubs.

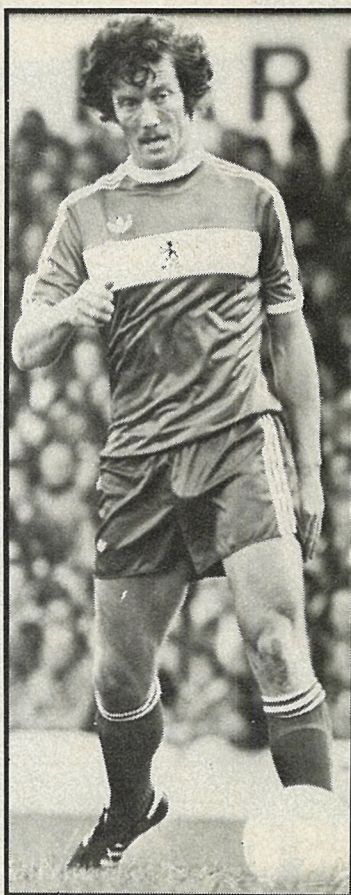
With Newcastle joining Sunderland in Division Two next season, we will be the top side in the North-East. With that sort of responsibility to live up to, I'm hoping we can finish off the good work next year by winning something.

WE at Boro thought we were going to win the F.A. Cup this year. We'd had four home draws in the early Cup rounds and beaten some good sides. It looked a good draw, too, to get Orient at home but we simply never played at all in two matches against them. It was the biggest disappointment of the season.

We had played so well in the Cup until the Orient tie it was a much greater disappointment not to get anywhere near that sort of standard. We just didn't play well — and that was the end of our season. We were in the middle of the table when that defeat came — once that was gone, there was nothing left.

Injuries played a big part in Boro's slump. We were without Willie Maddren for almost the entire season and Terry Cooper was also out for a long spell. You're bound to miss key players of that nature.

In the League, we made a good start. We drew with Liverpool on the opening day and then had about three wins . . . things were going well. But we didn't have the consistency after that and then we took time to adapt to the different system our new manager employed.



Willie Maddren



Pat Jennings under pressure at Highbury in a League Cup clash between Arsenal and Manchester City.



'NO CUP LUCK AND FOREST TOO GOOD IN THE LEAGUE'

ASA HARTFORD
(Manchester City)

been the only answer to our season of disappointment.

We got a good Third Round F.A. Cup win at Leeds which was a fine result after a difficult draw. But then we were dealt an even harder draw in the next round — away to Nottingham Forest — and when the luck is right against you like that, there's not a lot you can do about it. We lost that and also the Quarter-Final of the League Cup, against Arsenal, within a space of four days. That was a shocking blow to our season.

You need luck in all the Cups. We didn't have it in the first match at Maine Road against Arsenal when Jennings made some brilliant saves to keep us out. Then we lost the replay to a highly doubtful penalty, but we didn't deserve to go through because we never played at all in the replay. We seemed to just freeze.

We were tipped by so many people to win something this season I'm not too keen to get egg on my face again by tipping us for a trophy next year. Of course, we've got the players in the side but we probably felt the loss of Royle, Tueart and Conway. However, you also need luck to win trophies.

WHEN Tony Book went out and bought Mike Channon, and Kevin Keegan left Liverpool for Hamburger SV last summer, everyone thought those could be crucial factors in pushing City from second place to Championship winners. Sadly, no one had reckoned on Nottingham Forest.

Forest came up into Division One only on the back of Bolton who lost promotion, rather than Forest getting there themselves. But since they returned to the First they've proved exceptional.

It's been a desperately disappointing season at Maine Road because we haven't won a trophy. We obviously thought we were good enough to land the Championship this time, especially with Mike joining us last summer. But Forest's consistency has been remarkable, too good for anyone to live with. And that, really, has

ON THE TROPHIES

'WE WERE AWFUL IN THE LEAGUE CUP SEMI'

PAUL MADELEY
(Leeds United)

IT'S not easy to put into a nutshell why we haven't won anything this term. But I suppose the main reason is we have lacked consistency, a fault of most clubs. You get teams who perform well one week but don't do it the next, and we've been guilty of that ourselves this season.

It has been a re-building time for us this term with old players leaving, new players coming in. It's still at that stage in a way so you may not see Leeds back to their very best and winning trophies for a couple of years yet.

We should have won the League Cup. It was quite a good draw for us getting Forest in the Semi-Finals because they were without three top players and, on the face of it, much weaker. Of course, things didn't quite work out like that as we — and then even Liverpool in the Final replay — discovered. But we had been playing well up to that stage and were confident.

However, although it was the one match where we wanted to play well, it was the game where we didn't. In fact, we were awful and lost the tie in the first-leg on our ground.

That was a big disappointment as was the F.A. Cup, where we lost at home to Manchester City in the Third Round. In the F.A. Cup, you're always looking for a few early games against teams from



lower Divisions until the Quarter-Finals. But we had a tough one in the first game we played and once that was gone, that was it.

It's been a disappointing season, yes. But I'm optimistic for next term because we've had games this season where we have played extremely well — and on those days, have been capable of beating anyone. A good sign for the future. All we need now is to find consistency.

UNLIKE the other lads, I'm not at all disappointed at our season. True, we didn't land the trophy that would have cheered the Highfield Road fans. But the fact is, Coventry have come on in leaps and bounds throughout the season. We can only get better next time.

You must remember, we started the term with almost everyone saying we would go down. We'd been perilously close to it the last couple of years and we weren't looking too secure. Yet we have never been far from the leading pack and that's been a fine achievement.

We did it by frightening teams — literally. We played four players up

were dead lucky — and knew it. We realised we had played superbly and could really take on the top teams and give them trouble.

We lost at Middlesbrough in the Fourth Round of the F.A. Cup, which was what we deserved because we didn't play at all well up there. And we lost to Liverpool in the League Cup by 2-0 in a replay on our ground. That was ridiculous because we should have wrapped it up at Anfield; we were so superior up there.

No trophies then, this year, but the promise of great things to come for Coventry. Our young side can only improve and we may be winning those trophies pretty soon now.



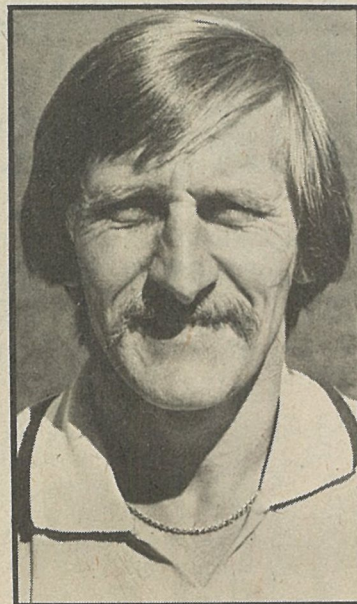
Ian Wallace in action for Coventry against West Ham.

'THE PROMISE OF GREAT THINGS TO COME'

TOMMY HUTCHISON
(Coventry City)

when Gordon Milne decided to end the defensive pattern of play and go out and attack. We had two wingers and two players in the middle up-front — Ian Wallace and Mick Ferguson. They've had an outstanding season together and teams we met were really frightened by the way we went at them and attacked non-stop.

In the League, we've had some fine results, maybe one of the best being a defeat, strangely enough. That was when we played at Nottingham Forest on a mudheap. Those conditions don't suit our football but we absolutely murdered Forest and looked like getting at least a draw — until their late winner. It robbed us, but they



Peter Withe scores for Forest against Leeds at The City Ground.



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This week's Star Letter comes from Leslie Owens of South Shields in Tyne & Wear, who wins our Special Prize of £3. He writes:

BARRACKING — GOOD OR BAD?

IN a recent edition of SHOOT Wolves' Kenny Hibbitt criticised their fans for barracking the players. The team I support (?) is Newcastle United and it costs me a lot of money to follow them. Does this not entitle me to criticise them?

I saw Newcastle beat Wolves 4-0 at home this season and it was obvious to me certain players on both sides weren't giving 100 per cent.

Every team in the country has supporters who barrack players. Even a small section of the Forest crowd get at John McGovern, as stated in SHOOT — but what a player he is!

Personally, I don't think booing a player does any good. I direct MY feelings towards the directors and manager — also by staying away. This seems to be the attitude of many Newcastle and Wolves fans, as their low attendances prove.

Kenny also said fans keep talking about the good old days. The same happens at Newcastle. What are supporters supposed to talk about? The great seasons of relegation or the embarrassing defeats over the years?

This should only encourage the present players to be as good as their predecessors. Kenny is a professional and shouldn't be so short-sighted.

● I feel at times fans are too quick to get on the back of a player, and good players have at times been forced to move on because of this, which has weakened the team the barrackers support. But as Leslie says, fans are entitled to either show their feelings or, of course, stay away.

Supermac's Goals

COULD you tell me if Malcolm Macdonald was really credited



Malcolm Macdonald's shot against Orient is about to be deflected by Bill Roffey — but it's Supermac's goal.

with two goals against Orient?

EMLYN EVANS,
MELTON MOWBRAY.

● Deflections or not, Arsenal told us they're crediting Supermac with both goals.

Provoked

A POLICEMAN has been heavily fined and may lose his job for striking a soccer hooligan after being severely provoked. What are the police supposed to do?

Are they to just let the fans run wild — or stop them by force, if necessary?

ANTHONY LESLIE, SHEFFIELD.

● I have every sympathy with the policeman concerned, but, as any policeman will tell you, retaliation may be understandable ... but never excusable.

Exchange

I AM a fan of English football and I'd like to exchange opinion and souvenirs with supporters of Liverpool and Arsenal.

INAKI ALZOLA,
TRAUCA 14-3° DOHA,
BILBAO 7, SPAIN.

Hypocritical Refs?

I WAS interested to read in SHOOT that one reason why many referees are quitting is because so much abusive language is directed at them.

However, at the recent Gillingham/Bury game the home side were awarded a free-kick and the left-back was ready to take it when the ref stopped him because the ball had to be moved backwards.

The player obviously did not understand the message and the ref, thinking he was fooling around, ran down and shouted at the player using foul language, which was heard by the section of the crowd where I was standing.

How can refs complain about swearing when they use it themselves?

STEPHEN JOYCE, CHATHAM.

● I agree. It's up to them to set an example, no matter how stressed.

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North End stayed on

I'd like to know how Preston North End came to have such an unusual name?

ENYI INYAMA,
LONDON, N.W.22

● Simple, really, Enyi. The club was founded, in 1881, by members of the local North End Cricket and Rugby Club.

They'd been in existence since 1867 but, getting a bit fed-up with Rugby as their winter activity, decided to change to the growing "new" craze of soccer.

However, for "old times' sake", they decided to retain the name of North End.

10-0

My Dad says England beat Portugal 10-0 just after the War. Who scored our goals?

TONY KELLY,
ECCLES

● That game in Lisbon on 27th May, 1947 saw four goals apiece from Tommy Lawton and Stan Mortensen; backed-up by one each from wonder-wingers Stan Matthews and Tom Finney.

Altogether ours was quite a star team — its other members being Frank Swift, Laurie Scott, George Hardwick, Billy Wright, Neil Franklin, Eddie Lowe, and Wilf Mannion.

Small Stan

I've been very impressed watching the skills of little Stan Cummins of Middlesbrough this season. Is he the smallest League footballer there's ever been?

CAROL REILLY,
NEWCASTLE

● Cummins is around the 5ft. 4ins. mark, Carol, but he — and other good little 'uns like Brian Flynn of Leeds and Chelsea's Ian Britton — could still have looked down on Frank le May, who played for Watford and Orient in the early 1920's.

He was only five-foot-nothing — the shortest mini-man ever to play in Football League games.

First to Fourth

Has any club dropped from First to Fourth Division in successive seasons?

MARK JOHNSON,
ALTRINCHAM

● No, not quite, Mark — though several have taken the shortest possible route from First to Third.

They are Bradford Park Avenue (1920-21 and 1921-22); Northampton (1965-66 and 1966-67); Fulham (1967-68 and 1968-69); Huddersfield (1971-72 and 1972-73); and Crystal Palace (1972-73 and 1973-74).

Others have been relegated from Second to Fourth equally quickly — Doncaster and Notts County (1957-58 and 1958-59); Lincoln (1960-61 and 1961-62); and Brighton (1961-62 and 1962-63).

Tommy Smith

Has that grand footballer Tommy Smith ever played for England?

MUN CHOONG SENG,
WEST MALAYSIA

● Stout-hearted, long-serving Tommy Smith — who signed professional forms for Liverpool, his only senior club, back in April, 1962 — played in only one full international.

That was the 0-0 draw v. Wales at Wembley on 19th May, 1971.

Earlier, Tommy played in ten Under-23 internationals, and was also capped for England at Youth level.

Scored for both sides

Who was it who scored for both sides in an F.A. Cup Final at Wembley?

A. MARSHALL,
CROYDON

● Charlton's Bert Turner was the man — in the very first post-War Final, against Derby, in 1946. Derby won 4-1 in extra-time, but earlier Bert had scored both goals in the normal 90 minutes.

First he sliced the ball into his own net — but then, within a minute, had made amends with a great 25-yard free-kick at the other end.

Zaire

What were the exact scores in Zaire's three games in the last World Cup in West Germany in 1974?

WILLIAM CORMACK,
CAITHNESS

● They lost the first to Scotland 2-0, William — then Yugoslavia beat them 9-0, and Brazil 3-0.

And, as a Scot, you won't need reminding that — as all Zaire's three conquerors ended up with four points, and only two could progress — those vital goal-difference figures meant your country went out without losing a game.

SHORT PASSES

● Celtic's record defeat is 8-0 by Motherwell in the 1936-37 season.

(GRAHAM TRUST,
Liverpool)

● Birmingham's highest-ever finishing-position in Division One was sixth in 1955-56.

(SUSAN THOMPSON,
Solihull)

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time.

STOKE GIVE BRENDAN A 20 GOALS TARGET

STOKE CITY manager Alan Durban is expecting great things from Brendan O'Callaghan, the striker he signed from Doncaster Rovers in March for £35,000.

"Brendan has a lot going for him and I firmly believe he can become a 20 goals-a-season man," says Durban.

Big Bren, a Republic of Ireland international, is 6ft 2ins and weighs over 13st.

"He has a lot of ability in the air," adds Durban, "and is the nearest to John Charles in the way he can get up and hang in the air for a split second."

The 22-year-old O'Callaghan has had several clubs keen on him. Last season both Leicester and Hull were interested in his great goalgetting ability. He got 15 League goals for Doncaster last season and 21 in the previous campaign.

CAN YOU HELP BILLY?

BILLY GILLESPIE was a name heralded in the 1920's. He played for Ireland about 20 times and captained Sheffield United when they won the F.A. Cup in 1925.

Billy, a master tactician in the game, is now nearing 90 years-of-age and regrets he did not keep many pictures and cuttings to pass on to his grandchildren.

One of his friends, Fred Hall, of 78 Little Norton Avenue, Meadowhead, Sheffield, has appealed for old cuttings or photographs which could be put in a scrapbook and passed on to Billy who lives with his son in Kent.

Come on, you dads and granddads who read SHOOT... some of you must be able to find something in the loft for Billy.

Bristol Rovers are to spend £2,000 improving their pitch during the close-season.

Own-goal shock

DUMBARTON defender Jim Muir scored two goals in a minute in his side's First Division match against Stirling Albion at Annfield, but he wasn't too happy. Remarkably, both those goals were scored against his own side!

The Sons were leading 1-0 when he put one past his team-mate Lawrie Williams. A minute later he repeated the act, but Dumbarton hit back to get a point in a 2-2 draw. Davy Wilson, the Dumbarton manager, said: "I can't remember such a thing happening before in my career!"

LOYAL ALLEN

WHEN your club is on the verge of its greatest moment in nearly 100 years of competition, the last thing you'd expect is its longest-serving player to leave.

Yet that's exactly what happened with Orient and Peter Allen.

After dismissing Norwich, Blackburn and Chelsea from the Cup, the O's decided to sell Allen, a stalwart of 13 years and 500 appearances, to neighbours Millwall for £10,000.

As Orient went on to bundle Middlesbrough out as well, and reach their first-ever Semi-Final, which they lost 3-0 to Arsenal, you'd expect Peter to be a trifle sick at the timing of his move. But no.

He felt that at 31 he might not have too many chances of a move in the future, and so when his old boss George Petchey stepped in with the offer he was delighted to move to The Den.

Earlier in the season, Peter, who had wanted to get away from Brisbane Road, nearly joined Wimbledon but the clubs couldn't agree on a fee.

SUNDERLAND'S general-manager Jack Butterfield is quitting the club to take up a new appointment... as development manager of Yorkshire County Cricket Club!

During his playing days, Jack was a full-back with Burnley, but injury ended his career.

He returned to Turf Moor as a commercial manager and in 11 years was reported to have raised over £600,000 for the club.

He spent 14 months at Roker Park.

● The Clough magic is not only confined to Brian and Nottingham Forest. There is another one about — Brian's younger brother Gerald.

Newsagent Gerald is manager of a team of newsboys and in the side are his sons Neil and Tony.



GORDON SMITH has been the buy of the season in Scotland. He cost Rangers only £65,000 from Kilmarnock and has repaid that with almost 30 goals, including, of course, the League Cup winner against Celtic.

Now Rangers could return to Kilmarnock in an effort to buy another of their stars. This time World Cup squad goalkeeper Jim Stewart might be their target. He will cost around £100,000.

IRISH CUP FINAL FACTS

WHEN Linfield meet Ballymena United in the 98th Irish F.A. Cup Final, at the Oval, Belfast, this Saturday (April 29th), the famous "Blues" will be making their 46th Final appearance.

Linfield have won the Cup 30 times, their 10-1 1895 win over Dubliners Bohemians being an all-time Final record. The Windsor Park outfit last won the trophy in 1970, but, amazingly for such great Cup fighters, were losers to Glentoran, in 1973, Coleraine (1975), Carrick Rangers (1976), and Coleraine again, last time.

In 1890, a Scot, Bob Milne, helped his regiment, the Gordon Highlanders, defeat Cliftonville 3-1 to become the

'ASA MAKES CITY TICK'

TONY BOOK, the Manchester City boss, has many international stars under his wing at Maine Road, but none rate higher in his estimation than Scotland star Asa Hartford (right).

City, one of the front-runners in the League Championship, sadly missed suspended Hartford in some crucial games.

"We're just not the same team without Asa. He gets the other boys working and really has the team ticking," says Book.

Midfielder Hartford has been having a terrific season with City and there is no doubt that with him regularly available they could well take the Championship next season.

The 27-year-old Asa joined City from West Brom in August, 1974, for £250,000. He had a bad first season with them when a nagging thigh injury put him on the

sidelines for a long period.

Hartford, who had nearly six years with West Bromwich, almost went to Leeds in 1974 for £177,000, but the deal fell through on medical grounds.

It was all called off because the little human dynamo had a hole-in-the-heart condition. But there are certainly no holes in Asa's game now.

Yes, Richard Asa Hartford can achieve big things with City. Incidentally, Hartford has always preferred to be known by Asa — the name his father gave him because he was a great fan of famous American singer Al (real name Asa) Jolson.

"By the way, I can't sing," says footballing Asa, who gave his reasons why City failed to pick up any of the season's silverware in our feature on pages 2 and 3.

NEWS DESK

COMPILED BY PETER STEWART

PENALTY TROUBLE

DON'T mention penalty-kicks to Charlton's Terry Brisley (below). You might get a very snappy answer... for they are not his favourite subject right now.

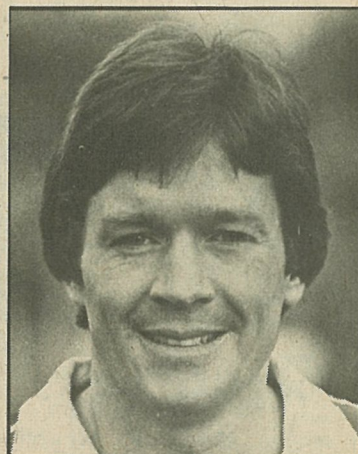
The trouble started when Charlton lost 2-1 at Tottenham after leading for most of the game.

Brisley was furious after being harshly judged to have pushed Steve Perryman to concede the penalty from which Glenn Hoddle

put Spurs level.

Even Perryman admitted he had no chance of reaching the ball. And Hoddle commented: "Charlton can consider themselves hard done by there — but these things have a habit of balancing themselves up."

Prophetic words those. For, in the very next game, Charlton seemed fortunate to get a penalty — and Brisley missed it!



F.A. CUP giantkillers Blyth Spartans travel to Eire in May for a match against Finn Harps.



Talks on Soccer Unity

OFFICIALS from the F.A.I. and the I.F.A. have met twice in recent weeks to discuss the possibility of an All-Ireland team for the 1982 World Cup series.

Of more urgent importance has been the arrangements for the 1980 European Championship games, in which the two associations have been drawn against each other and England.

The major stumbling block to unity is money. Both associations have an average of six internationals every season, bringing in much-needed revenue. Unity would halve the number of games and the income.

Against that, it is argued a combined side would be a world-class team, capable of qualifying for the Finals of the rich major tournaments.

HOW about this for a commentators' nightmare team: Ogrozcovic (Liverpool); Andruszewski (Southampton), DeVries (Hull); Otulakowski (West Ham), Czuczman (Scunthorpe), Sbragia (Birmingham); Nardiello (Coventry), Chiedozie (Orient), Polycarpou (Southend), Cegielski (Wrexham), Boersma (Luton), sub. Niedzwiecki (Wrexham).

AT A Press conference after he had helped Shamrock Rovers reach the F.A.I. Cup Semi-Finals by beating Dundalk, Republic of Ireland team-manager John Giles was asked how many Semis he had contested in his illustrious career. John counted 17, then quipped: "All I need now is experience!"



THE LONG AND THE SHORT OF IT

SPORTS STARS come in all shapes and sizes, as football's Mickey Droy and boxing's Charlie Magri proves.

Droy, a six-foot, five inch defender for Chelsea, weighs in at 224 pounds. Definitely a heavyweight compared to Magri, Britain's flyweight Champion.

One hundred-twelve pound Charlie reaches five feet three inches in his boots.

Cool Canaries — aggressive Reeves

NORWICH are a First Division club that have shaken up a lot of people in the game with their extremely cool and skilful football.

Manager John Bond has got together a side which is nicely balanced when it comes to youth and experience.

He is particularly pleased with the way 20-year-old Kevin Reeves has settled into an aggressive striker.

Bond, who surprised a lot of people when he coughed up £50,000 for Reeves from Bournemouth in February last year, says:

"I knew Kevin had a lot of potential. Now he is married and settled down, he is beginning to show what he can really do."

WHEN Coventry City 'keeper Jim Blyth played for Scotland against Bulgaria he earned his former club Preston, £5,000. That makes it £10,000 he has pulled in for the Deepdale outfit.

When he was transferred to Coventry for £22,500, The Sky Blues agreed to pay a further £5,000 when he made his first team debut. Plus another £5,000 if he was ever capped for Scotland.

THERE'S no lack of sporting talent among the Hesford family. Blackpool goalkeeper Iain can point to two brothers who have hit the highspots in other sports.

Stephen plays for Warrington Rugby League, while Robert has been capped for the England Under-23 Rugby Union team. The 18-year-old Iain was born in Zambia, but now lives at Cleveleys, Lancashire.

World Cup ref for China

JACK TAYLOR, the 1974 World Cup Final referee from Wolverhampton, is to accompany West Bromwich Albion on their forthcoming trip to China.

Sir Harold Thompson, the Football Association chairman, said: "Mr. Taylor is still a highly respected referee although he has now retired from the Football League list."

"I know the Chinese will want him to referee some of Albion's matches."

Taylor and the rest of the West Brom party face a really hectic time on their trip. In 16 days they will cover 20,000 miles and play four games.

They will be the first English club to play in China and they will have games in Peking, Shanghai, Canton and in Hong Kong.

It will cost about £40,000 to send Albion to China and the Football Association are footing half the bill.



IT has been a real Posh stay for winger Tommy Robson (left) at Peterborough. The Gateshead-born star will complete 500 League appearances this season — and 375 of them will be with The Posh.

Robson will complete ten years with Peterborough next November. And he has also had three other clubs.

He had just over four years with Northampton, 13 months with Chelsea and nearly two years with Newcastle.

Robson only cost £10,000 from Newcastle, but it wasn't a happy start for him at the London Road Ground way back in November, 1968. His registration was too late to allow him to play in a Saturday fixture and he could not play the following week because he wasn't eligible for a Cup-tie.

But now he seems to go on and on. It was nearly two years ago when he topped the club record appearances for Peterborough overtaking the 298 League games played by Jim Hall, who moved on to Northampton in July, 1975.

THE Derby scene has lost a local personality with the move from the Baseball Ground to Wimbledon of striker Alan Cork.

The Alvaston (Derby)-born Cork, played for Derbyshire schoolboys and Youth teams and also for Derby and Derbyshire at cricket.

And, on top of that little lot, 19-year-old Alan was with the Derbyshire Building Society before turning to football.

Cork, who signed professional for Derby in July, 1976, had a spell on loan with Lincoln late last year. He moved to Wimbledon in February and has already shown his goal-getting touch.

Victor Railton memorial match

FORMER West Ham and England skipper Bobby Moore returns to Upton Park next Tuesday, May 2nd, to lead a team against his old club.

The match is a tribute to Victor Railton, the former Football Editor of the London Evening News, who died suddenly on March 4th.

West Ham manager John Lyall has promised to field his strongest possible side against Bobby Moore's XI, managed by Fulham boss Bobby Campbell.

Among the players in Bobby's team will be Mike Summerbee, Francis Lee, Frank McLintock, Dave Webb, George Armstrong, Gerry Peyton, Jim Cannon, Brentford's young scoring sensation Steve Phillips and TV and showbusiness star Tommy Steele.

When approached by the Evening News, Tommy accepted immediately, but on one condition . . . "That I be allowed to play the entire 90 minutes."

A special programme, priced 20p, will be on sale inside the ground. The programme will enable holders to take part in a free raffle — the top prize being a trip to Argentina for the World Cup Finals.

Other prizes include cine camera, portable TV and radio and sports gear.

Next Tuesday at West Ham promises to be a tremendous occasion . . . a fitting memorial to Vic Railton, who held a great affection for the club and was one of the game's best-loved characters. Kick-off 7.30 p.m. first team prices.

● There's also a Memorial Service for Victor on Thursday, May 4th, at St. Brides, Fleet Street, London, at 12.30 p.m. England manager Ron Greenwood will read the address.

EIRE CUP FINAL

Football first for Giles

IT'S a clash of the Rovers — Shamrock and Sligo in the F.A.I. Cup Final on Sunday (April 30th) at Dalymount Park, Dublin.

There the comparison ends because Shamrock, the Cup experts, will be bidding for their 21st win while Sligo have yet to win the Cup.

It will be a first Eire Cup Final appearance for Johnny Giles the Shamrock's boss, who has given a new lease of life to a Hoops side who were in the doldrums before he took charge this season.

Since the competition began in 1922 the Dublin club have won the Cup in every decade except the Seventies and as this is their first Final appearance since 1969 they will be anxious to keep up their brilliant record.

Giles is playing as well as ever and other experienced players in his team are Eamonn Dunphy, Ray Treacy and Johnny Fullam.

Sligo also have a player-manager — Scot Billy Sinclair, but he has only made a few appearances this season and none in the Cup; Sligo, of course, are the reigning League Champions.

Shamrock Rovers needed replays to get through the earlier rounds, beating Finn Harps and Dundalk at Milltown and eliminating Waterford at the first attempt in the Semi-Final.

Sligo knocked out St Patrick's Athletic, Cork Alberts and Drogheda United in the Semi-Final. They have only conceded one goal — a penalty against Cork Alberts.

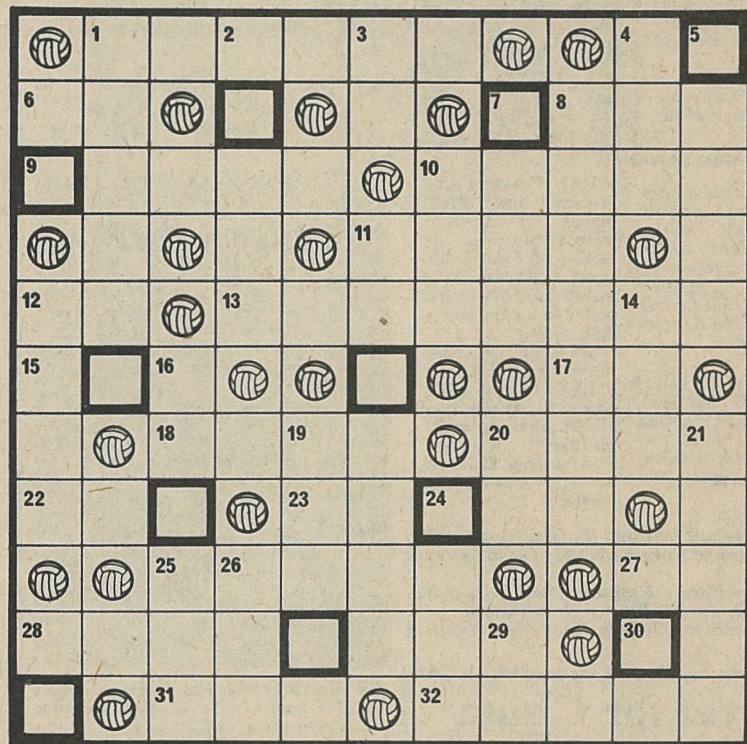
Saints robbed

St. Mirren have been accused of pinching points this season in their fight to remain in the Premier Division, but they, too, have been the victims of thieves in recent weeks.

While the team were playing Ayr United at Somerset Park, thieves got into the Saints' dressing-room and stole cash and valuables from four of the St. Mirren players. The following week manager Alex Ferguson had his car stolen while he was trying to sign a youngster from the Cambuslang district!

Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of an Ipswich Town striker. Answers on page 43.



ACROSS:

- (1) — Road, Leeds United's ground.
- (4) Peter - itke - of Bristol Rovers.
- (6) M-lineu- home of Wolverhampton Wanderers.
- (7) Ca-l--l- United from Brunton Park ground.
- (9) Take it easy — after a hard game, perhaps.
- (10) Slight mistake, for example.
- (11) Whoever wins it can choose ends.
- (12) George - url - y of Ipswich Town.
- (13) Steve —, Liverpool striker.
- (15) Trevor Ch --- y of Leeds United.
- (17) Brian L --- tle of Aston Villa.
- (18) Take four letters from Arbroath for a Middle Eastern player, perhaps!
- (20) Playing cards or experts.
- (22) --- tenham from White Hart Lane.
- (23) Ports -----, otherwise . . . Pompey.
- (25) Moves at a pace between walking and running.
- (27) -- t's County. English Second Division club.
- (28) Possessed of high mental or artistic ability.
- (30) Ray Hank --, Leeds United striker.
- (31) Colin Su --- tt (Norwich City). The omissions reversed.
- (32) Joe —, Bristol City striker.

DOWN:

- (1) — City from St. James' Park ground.
- (2) Mick —, former Queens Park Rangers striker.
- (3) Bre - tf - rd from Griffin Park, London.
- (4) Irving Natr --- of Newcastle United.
- (5) Cl --- ba - k from Kildow - Park, a word from the missing letters.
- (6) Brian R - be - ts of Coventry City.
- (7) Hasty, impetuous or reckless.
- (8) — Town, team from Portman Road.
- (10) P --- u - h Lane ground, Wimbledon's ground.
- (11) Les —, full-back for 8 Down.
- (12) George —, Northern Ireland international.
- (14) Phil B --- r of Bristol Rovers.
- (16) Implement for making a noise — perhaps to spur on one's team.
- (19) -- ttin - h -- Forest. In the midst of the omissions!
- (20) Luton Town . . . The H --- ters.
- (21) St. John -----, Scottish First Division club.
- (24) Stenho --- mui -, (Scots Div. Two).
- (26) — Matthews, former famous name with Coventry City.
- (27) Jimmy -- chol - of Manchester United.
- (28) Up --- n Park. Ground of The Hammers.
- (29) Micky - r - y of Chelsea.

'AWARDS

I'VE won many medals and plaques for helping Liverpool to honours at home and abroad, but so far I've yet to collect a national "Player of the Year award" for an individual.

Since the Football Writers' Association launched their particular prestigious award over 30 years ago, their lead has been followed by other associations.

Critics claim there are too many such trophies for players, that their introduction has devalued the idea of singling-out individuals for special treatment.

I disagree. I think such awards stimulate interest in the game and provide players with the incentive to entertain and excite. They are mementoes of personal success a player can savour when he hangs up his boots and looks back over his career.

Next Thursday evening, at a dinner at the Cafe Royal, London, the nation's football-writers will honour their "Player of the Year" in the time-honoured way.

In recent years this longest-running award — a silver footballer on a plinth — has been placed in the hands of three Liverpool players: Ian Callaghan, Kevin Keegan, now with Hamburger SV, and Emyln Hughes.

I've heard rumours that our veteran war-horse Tommy Smith is in the running this year, and it would be marvellous if he should collect it in the final stage of a career in which he has played such a key role in adding to Liverpool's roll of honours.

My record as a tipster can't stand examination, but if I was a betting man I'd back Nottingham Forest's Archie Gemmill as the man likely to pull most votes this year.

As you know, we players now have our own awards, and for the fourth successive year the presentations were made at the London Hilton Hotel in front of the television cameras.

Whereas the winner of the Football Writers' trophy is voted for by the men who spend their working lives watching players in action, and writing about them, the P.F.A. winner is regarded as outstanding by his peers — the other players — and this fact, I believe, makes their award the most coveted.

I know my England mate, Peter Shilton is still feeling overwhelmed at receiving the honour.

None of us at Liverpool was surprised at Peter's selection as we watched the ceremony on television — preparations for the League Cup Final replay meant we couldn't attend — but we did raise our eyebrows when not one of us managed to be voted into the All Star First Division side.

Surely the winners of the unprecedented double of League Champ-

ionship and European Cup deserved some representation?

Especially when the voting took place in January and February, only six months or so after the achievement?

Tommy Smith was so incensed he vowed never to cast a vote again.

It was difficult to avoid thinking that maybe our success had created a backlog of envy.

On the other hand, perhaps the general feeling was that Liverpool are merely a well-organised team without individuals who stand out as prominently as those with other clubs.

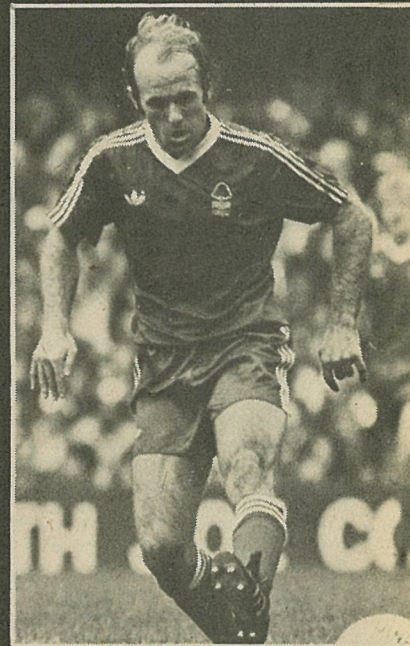
But then why were Everton players also snubbed? The Goodison club is enjoying its best-ever season for seven or eight years, and with a bit more luck could have overhauled Forest in the race for the Championship.

Bob Latchford is in brilliant scoring form, being Division One's top goal-getter, with a chance of becoming the very first to hit 30 League goals in a season and qualify for the Daily Express £10,000 prize. How can he be left out of a representative side?

At least it was nice to see that Chris Lawler, who saw great service with Liverpool, and also Ian Ross, another ex-Red, were selected for Fourth and Third Division sides respectively.

I think that voting takes place too early to be fair, because it's the second-half of the season that sorts out the best players.

I'd prefer polling to take place at



'I'd back Archie Gemmill to become Player of the Year'

STIMULATE INTEREST'

RAY CLEMENCE

talking soccer

the end of the season, after all the honours have been decided; and the presentations held at the start of the following term.

Several national and provincial newspapers sponsor awards which are voted for by readers. Twice I've won awards in The Sun in my position.

Our local, the Liverpool Echo, has for many years presented the "Sports Personality of the Year" award, usually won by footballers. The exception in the past four years was John Conteh, the former Champion boxer, who is a full-blooded Liverpudlian.

Two other holders were Ian Callaghan and Kevin Keegan, but this year the trophy went into the "enemy camp" at Goodison Park, to Bob Latchford.

Second-placed in the poll was yours truly. Maybe my turn will come next year!

SHOOT added a new dimension to awards by introducing ones for the "Most Exciting Players of the Year" in England and Scotland. Winners — and there have been two from Liverpool, Steve Heighway and Kevin Keegan — have the satisfaction of knowing their performances have consistently thrilled readers over the season.

A French monthly magazine,

"Onze", hands out a cluster of annual awards, and I hold their most recent one for goalkeeping.

There isn't a "Player of the Year" at my club, but branches of our Supporters' Association pick one.

I was delighted to learn that the branch in Waterford, in the Republic of Ireland, had voted me their "P.O.Y.", and many of the members actually made the journey to Liverpool to present me with a beautiful collection of Waterford glass.

Something I'll always treasure.

There's a unique team award that deserves a mention — for finishing top of the Daily Mail Fairplay table. This is run on a League basis throughout the season with First Division teams chalking up demerit marks for bookings, sendings-off, free-kicks conceded, etc.

We have won the award twice, and never finished out of the top three!

A certain ex-footballer, now a Sunday Express columnist, name of Danny Blanchflower, needs reminding of these facts in view of his critical remarks of Phil Thompson's "professional foul" outside the area that unjustly earned Forest a penalty-kick in the League Cup Final, and of the way we played in the first-leg of the Semi-Finals of the European Cup Final in Dusseldorf.

Mr. Blanchflower criticised Phil's foul, yet made no mention of a similar one at Wembley, when Larry Lloyd cynically brought down our substitute, Davey Fairclough, in a similar situation.

It's strange that twice-winners of the Fair Play trophy should be accused of clobbering opponents!

"Table-toppers" at the moment are Wolves, competing with West Ham, whom we play at Upton Park this Saturday, for a relegation spot.

For years The Hammers have performed a Houdini act, escaping the drop.

Captain Billy Bonds admitted in SHOOT that if they should go down the odds are against them making a rapid return simply because they lack the right qualities.

Hammers have skill, there's no denying it, but they give no indication they possess the steel necessary to thrive in the more physical Second Division.

I like playing Hammers, especially on their ground. Never defensive, they attack all the time, giving the opposition the chance to play good, positive football.

'We've won
the Fair Play
League twice'



Action from Liverpool's recent game with Borussia in Dusseldorf. The Reds' play drew criticism from a Sunday newspaper writer.

Ray Clemence

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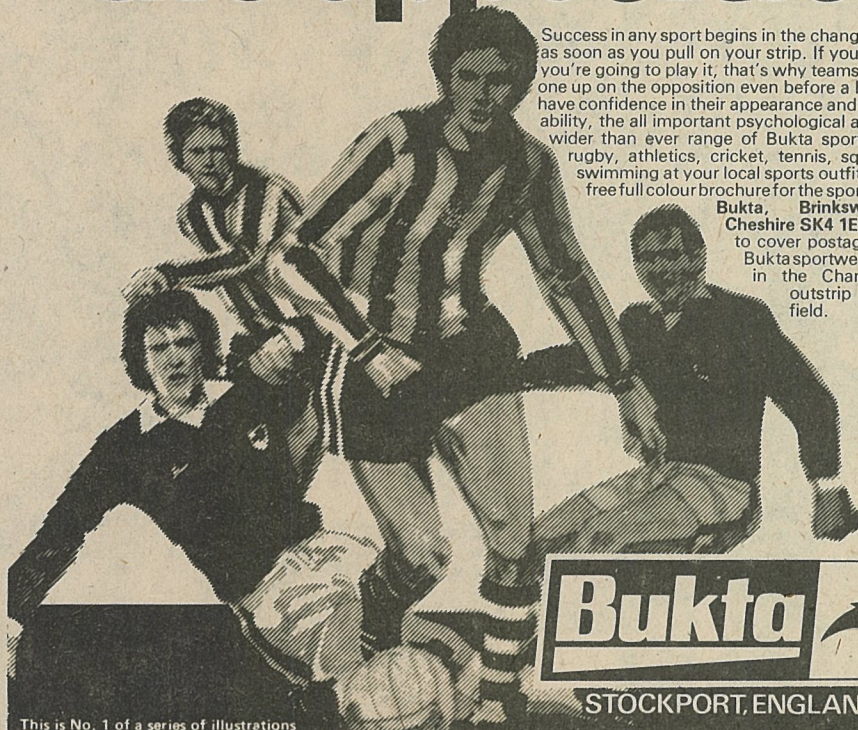
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ARE THERE TOO MANY CLUBS IN LONDON?

LONDON has 12 professional football clubs, more than any other capital city in the world. Yet it's far from being the football capital of England.

Only two London clubs have won the First Division Championship in the past 20 years — Spurs in 1961 and Arsenal in 1971. Ironically, both teams achieved a magnificent League and F.A. Cup double during those successful seasons, but 18 barren years out of 20 is appalling.

During the same period, Spurs, Arsenal, Chelsea and West Ham United share seven F.A. Cup wins — Spurs in 1961, 1962 and 1967; West Ham in 1964 and 1975; Chelsea in 1970 and Arsenal in 1971. But comparative success in knock-out Cup competitions requires a different mixture of qualities from those required to win the League title.

And whatever the reason, London clubs appear to lack those qualities. Attendance figures prove London clubs receive more than adequate support when compared with the rest of the country. The top clubs in the city have the financial resources to build winning teams. Yet when it comes to the all-important Championship, the North and the Midlands undoubtedly dominate.

Improvements

Spurs, West Ham, Chelsea, Q.P.R., Fulham and Crystal Palace have all made ground improvements, ranging from moderate to extensive and expensive. Chelsea almost redeveloped themselves out of existence. But with the end of another season only a matter of weeks away, what is the status of London soccer in 1978?

Perhaps a comparison spanning a decade would serve to bring the overall picture into a sharper focus.

At the end of March, 1968, the First Division contained five London clubs, the Second Division four, the Third one and the Fourth one. March, 1978, phases into April with four London clubs in the top flight, six in the Second, none in the Third and two in the Fourth.

Only Arsenal have a hope of bringing any success to England's capital — in the F.A. Cup Final and by finishing high enough in the League to qualify for next season's U.E.F.A. Cup. West Ham and Q.P.R. have been locked in a relegation battle and Chelsea dropped into the danger zone during the last few weeks of the campaign.

And in the Second Division, Millwall and Orient have been in danger of going down while Crystal Palace, Fulham and Charlton are resigned to another season

without promotion.

Only Spurs shine in this Division and look certain to keep London's First Division representation to four!

Midway through this season, Arsenal and Spurs were linked with discussions to share a new stadium, sited near Alexandra Palace. But so far neither club appears to be very enthusiastic about the idea.

But it could be London's 12 clubs are edging closer to just such mergers without realising the fact.

Newcomers Wimbledon will obviously be pleased if they complete their League debut season in a safe Fourth Division position. But the rest of the clubs should take a long, hard look at where they are going and how they are going



ABOVE
Double winners Arsenal, 1971. Now, The Gunners have another chance to bring glory to London when they take on Ipswich Town in the F.A. Cup Final at Wembley.



LEFT
Alan Taylor (number nine) makes it 2-0 to West Ham against London neighbours Fulham in the 1975 F.A. Cup Final. London has fared well in the Cup over the past 20 years, yet in the Championship race falls behind the North and Midlands.

BELOW
Orient's young John Chiedozie (left) and Spurs captain Steve Perryman. The two clubs have had different fortunes in Division Two this season.



about achieving their ambitions.

The very fact so many clubs populate one city creates its own problems. Because one club's success usually attracts the floating percentage of fans who are interested only in good football and a winning team. Whatever claims are made to the contrary, the average London supporter lacks that streak of fanaticism evident in the provinces. And such fervour has nothing to do with moronic vandalism or terrace thuggery.

Could it be London has too many clubs, too many grounds, unnecessary high rates to pay, maintenance bills to meet? Of course the clubs will argue these points until another season has been and gone.

But with the unavoidable advance of the Super League — those mighty few throughout England able to up transfer fees until they outprice all the rest — London is in danger of falling behind.

Chelsea are showing the way by developing their own talent, albeit a system virtually forced upon the

club through financial restrictions.

But Spurs and Arsenal still have the power to sign a cheque and buy a star when the needs demand. Rangers, too, have proved that they can compete in the high-priced player market. But what of the rest?

One thing is certain, at the end

of the season London will not be parading the Football League Championship, and the only likely challengers for the title next season are F.A. Cup Finalists Arsenal. Unless there are big shake-ups in the other clubs, the big city looks set again to end up short on silverware!

Which team do you support? Liverpool, Scotland, Manchester City, Celtic, Rangers, Aston Villa, Arsenal, Blackpool, Bristol City, Bolton Wanderers, Burnley, Cardiff City, Chelsea, Derby County, Everton, Heart of Midlothian, Stoke City, St Mirren, Sunderland, Partick Thistle, West Bromwich Albion, Wolverhampton Wanderers? ☐ Show your allegiance! Sport the jerseys the players themselves wear - Umbro International. ☐ Umbro official team jerseys come in each team's correct colours and styles and feature embroidered authentic team badges. ☐ To be absolutely sure you're buying the real thing, look for the Umbro diamond trade mark. It's your guarantee of quality and genuine authenticity. Accept no substitute. Beware of imitations! ☐ As well as jerseys, you can also get team shorts and hose - and for many teams, both home and away strip and team track suits too. ☐ Wear your team's jersey or kit on match day - or every day. Umbro official team jerseys and kit are obtainable from good sports outfitters and club souvenir shops.

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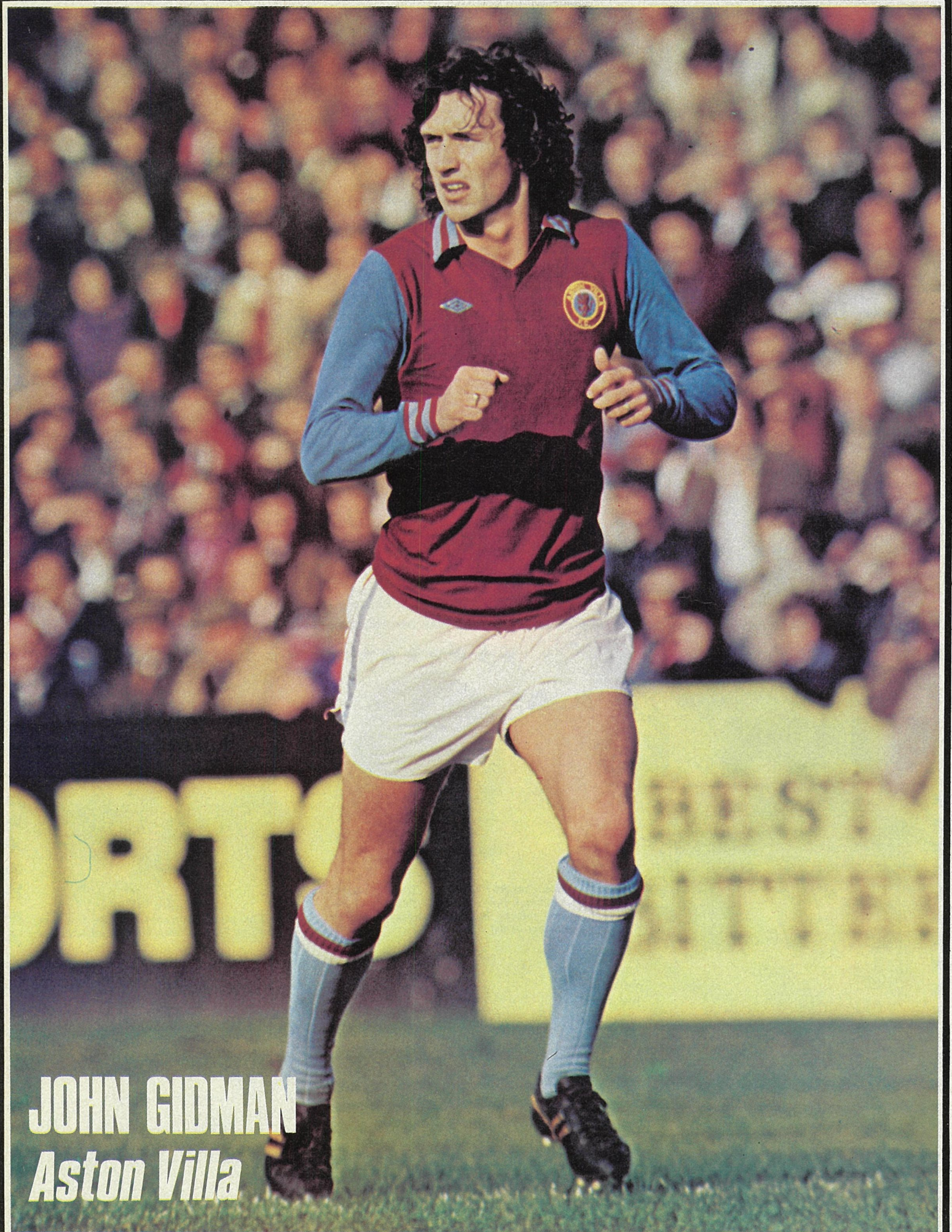


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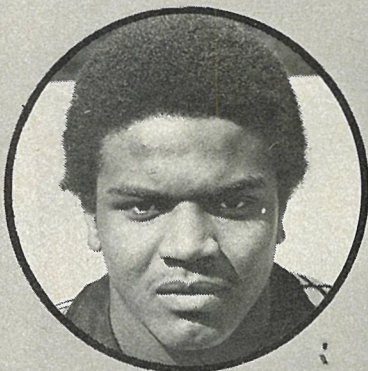


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BOB ALMOST QUIT THE GAME

BOB Hazell started the season with one step on the footballing scrapheap. The big coloured Wolves defender began the campaign back in August with a personal pledge to himself — "give it a heck of a go and if it doesn't work out, pack up football and forget it."

Incredibly, Hazell finishes the season as one of the "finds" of 1977-78. His performances at the heart of the Wolves defence have given the Molineux club great hope for a better future — starting straightaway next August.

It's been a remarkable season for young Hazell. Yet, as he now admits: "It began absolutely disastrously for me. I couldn't even get into the reserves at Molineux and I was thinking seriously about packing it all up. I suppose I might have tried my luck at another club if I'd left Wolves. But I was terribly disillusioned with things and I felt my future would have to lie outside

the game.

"It was then, however, I decided on one last go. I sank everything I had into making my career in the game; I did absolutely everything I could to give it a go. Things were then so hopeless they couldn't get any worse. So I guess I really had nothing to lose. Anyway, I'm glad it's all worked out because it's been fairly successful after such a disappointing start."

Hazell, frustrated by the number of centre-halves at Molineux, got his chance after a few weeks of the season — and his big effort.

One of the Wolves first team defenders got injured and manager Sammy Chung called up Hazell to play. From then on, the big youngster began to add some much needed strength and solidarity to the defence. In partnership with John McAlle, he settled down to play some fine, consistent football.

Hazell admits: "Maybe I hadn't done enough work before that big effort came. But whatever it was, I decided to give it that little extra. I pushed myself to the absolute limit in every way — training, playing, my life-style, my thinking on the game. Everything was involved and it all paid off."

"I put my head down and got down to some real work. I suppose I put quite a few sterling perform-

ances together in the second team and then worked even harder, once I knew I was getting my chance with the seniors.

"I reckon now, I've come on as a player since then. Of course, I've still got a lot of things to learn and I realise I must keep up my work and effort."

One of the factors that helped Hazell become a success in First Division football was the big improvement in his concentration. He says: "I was always guilty of lapses and if you're a defender that's useless because it will probably cost a goal as soon as you look up. The big thing I've learned this season is how to concentrate for 90 minutes — and nothing less."

'Reflection'

"Now I can concentrate much better and I don't suddenly lose it all for crucial spells. I think maybe that was down to the general reflection and think I had about my football career and myself as a person. It was a real cross-roads situation; I knew I had to go one way and it meant changes in my life and my outlook."

Perhaps the only setback Hazell had this season was his sending-off at Arsenal. And he now wants to put the record straight about that. "I was forbidden to talk about

it as soon as it happened," he said. "But the papers started saying or indicating Graham Rix had said something to me about my colour and that was why I lashed out at him."

"That was completely untrue; it had nothing to do with my colour. I lashed out simply because he kicked me; it was as simple as that, and I just reacted in the heat of the moment."

'Satisfaction'

"That wasn't a very wise thing to do and I have always regretted it. But I think generally, I will look back on this season with a lot of satisfaction. Now, I'd like to look ahead and try to do even better next season with Wolves."

"Maybe England Under-21 caps are the next thing to aim for but I'm not playing just for that. I think if you play consistently well for your club in the First or Second Division, you'll be noticed before long. It's just a case of maintaining your form all the time, week in and week out. It may sound easy but it's one of the hardest things of all to achieve."

"I'm happy things went well for me this season, especially after such a disastrous beginning. But I'm hoping we will be able to do better as a side next term."

FOOTBALL FUNNIES

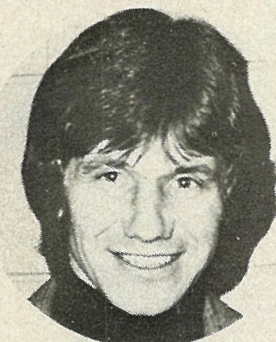


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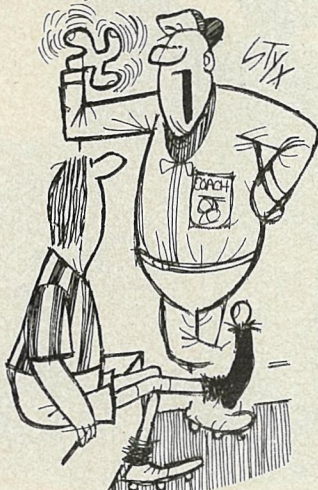


"Fan trouble up the stadium, Jones — you'd better start warming up"

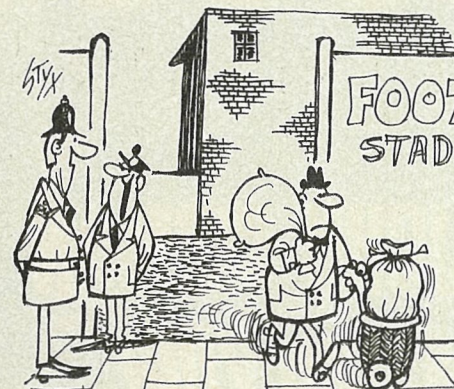
"I wish you could find a hole in their defence with as much skill as your toe found that hole in your sock"



This week **RAY TREACY** of Eire Cup Finalists Shamrock Rovers and the Republic of Ireland selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx.



"And let me tell you something — I've been sent-off by better class referees than you — so there!"



"Another economy drive, mate — to cut down on the laundry bill. The manager washes the club gear at the launderette"



Frankie Gray outheads Mick Lyons and another blow for Everton as Leeds beat them 4-1 in the League Cup.

Everton captain MICK LYONS spells out

WHY THE BLUES 'BLEW IT!'

EVERTON skipper Mick Lyons looks almost certain to realise an ambition this season — it is for the Goodison club to finish above Liverpool in the First Division.

"For the last few years, Liverpool have dominated the football scene on Merseyside," says Mick. "The Everton fans have almost been afraid to show themselves, because they have had nothing to shout about. So they will gain some satisfaction if the Blues top the Reds in the League."

But Mick's main aim, also the major Everton target, was the League Championship, and he's disappointed and annoyed at his team's failure to take it.

"We had some lapses. For example, there was a spell over last Christmas and the New Year when we slipped up badly — and although we've generally been a free-scoring side, there were occasions when the supply of goals seemed to dry up.

"Then there were silly mistakes we made in defence, and I particularly remember the game against Newcastle United when

we conceded four sloppy goals. But at the same time, it is a fact that the successful teams are those that make the fewest errors over a season, which is why Nottingham Forest finished out in front.

"However, Everton are more consistent this season than they were a year ago, and the man who is responsible for the improvement is our manager, Gordon Lee. His methods are now beginning to pay dividends."

Chance

Everton seemed in with a chance of lifting either of the two domestic Cups.

Mick explains: "It was a let-down when we lost to Middlesbrough in the F.A. Cup, and also to Leeds United in the League Cup. Against Boro, we were losing 3-0 and rallied to score twice near the end — if the game had lasted another ten minutes we might have equalised or even won.

"And in the Leeds tie, we were 1-0 early on, but later Mark Hig-

gins was sent-off, and we went on to lose. These upsets have not affected the great support we've enjoyed this season, and even the six-hour trip to Norwich didn't prevent our fans turning up in strength to cheer us on."

When it comes to loyalty to Everton, Mick Lyons is unswerving, and if he wasn't wearing a blue shirt would be cheering on the team from the terraces.

"The opposition at the top is tough, coming from clubs like Nottingham Forest, Manchester City, Liverpool and Arsenal. Leeds are a bit erratic, coming on strongly, then fading, and not as consistent as they used to be.

"But when people ask me if Liverpool are fading, I can point to the fact that they were title-challengers, League Cup Finalists, and reached the European Cup Final for the second consecutive season — to me, it certainly doesn't seem they are fading. And they had the best in our derbies — a draw at Anfield and a win at Goodison Park.

"But we hope we're on our way to becoming Merseyside's number one club."



AT the back-end of last season, Nottingham Forest just crept into the third promotion place in the Second Division table — a point ahead of Bolton.

They were five points behind Champions Wolves, three behind runners-up Chelsea — and, frankly, hadn't often looked fully in the same class as their promoted companions.

Yet, 12 months later, both Wolves and Chelsea were looking uncomfortably over their shoulders at the relegation zone — whereas Forest (taking the League Cup en route) had already walked away with the Championship.

Now Brian Clough has been called many things — but never unrealistic. He knew his team wasn't quite good enough for the top-drawer — and, having a spot of cash at his disposal, knew how to set about it.

Cloughie dabbled in the transfer market — as, indeed, many other managers have done. But how many to such effect?

He spent £275,000 on Stoke's Peter Shilton, and another £295,000 on the combined talents of Birmingham's Kenny Burns and Dave Needham of Q.P.R. Costly, maybe, but all proven excellent value for money.

But surely no £130,000 has ever been better spent in the game than when the shrewd Forest boss enticed equally shrewd midfield maestro Archie Gemmill from nearby Derby in late September.

Archie didn't exactly shine in his debut for Clough. But neither did anyone else that day as Forest were hard-pressed to hold on to a home point against Norwich.

Experience

Gemmill, though, hadn't long won his 22nd full cap for Scotland — and, with League experience on both sides of the border since 1965, had loads of know-how behind him. Inevitably, it didn't take him long to click in his new setting.

It's a trite observation to say midfield is the engine-room of any team — but true enough, all the same.

And, by rejuvenating Forest's midfield, Gemmill quickly spotlighted the bargain his transfer was to prove.

At the time, Forest were already second in the table — but his shrewd skill helped consolidate, and improve upon, that position until the side were virtually in an "un-catch-able" situation.

Gemmill has proved the vital hub of "where-it-all-happens". It's Archie who makes full use of pushing the ball through to John Robertson; and who sparks-off the speed of overlapping defender Viv Anderson.

It's Gemmill who surveys the overall scene, and skillfully locates target-man Peter Withe, or the dashing Tony Woodcock.

In short, he's quite a guy — and quite a buy for flourishing Forest!

But Cloughie hasn't done too badly with his other new-boys, either. For £150,000 laid-out on Kenny Burns he bought a man who scored 19 First Division goals last season — and then turned him into twice the player as king of sweepers instead.

We survey the six-figure transfers of 1977-78 and come to the conclusion that

ARCHIE GEMMILL is the BARGAIN BUY OF THE SEASON

And though £275,000 may seem a lot for a 'keeper . . . when that man is cool Peter Shilton, odds are Forest's goals-against column is markedly lower than it might otherwise have been.

Even so — had Clough realised how brilliantly his 18-year-old stand-in, Chris Woods, was to play in denying all-powerful Liverpool the League Cup that should have been theirs for the taking — one can't help but wonder if he might perhaps have spent that sizeable sum in other directions?

Woods is at the very beginning of his career; Shilton in the middle — but what of another 'keeper nearer the end?

No one has played more times for Northern Ireland than Pat Jennings — with none in sight, still, to seriously challenge his place between the posts — and his move down the North London road from Spurs to Arsenal last close-season must rank about the goalkeeping bargain of the lot.

And all for a mere £40,000 — less than a twelfth of the sum later needed to take Gordon McQueen to Old Trafford.

Arsenal are in the F.A. Cup Final, and well up in the top placings of the First Division. United — whose 1977 piece of silverware Arsenal



them going on for a hat-trick of wins? — would prove a very cheap, and worthwhile, investment indeed.

The Reds don't buy that often — let's face it, they don't often need to! — but, when they do, they never waste a penny on their very shrewd purchases.

But of the several hundred transfers — and the several million pounds spent on them — since the last close-season, it's still debatable if any can match that of Archie Gemmill in sheer value-for-money.

£130,000 may sound a tidy sum to most of us — but, in modern football terms, it's hardly a headline-hitting amount.

Overall, in making Archie our "BEST BUY", we don't think all that many would argue too hotly.

One who wouldn't, for sure, is a certain Mr. Clough!

are aiming to take over — are out of the reckoning for everything and, uncharacteristically, have even been facing catcalls from their own fanatical supporters.

Not that that's any personal reflection on McQueen or £350,000 Joe Jordan — they didn't arrive until well on in the season — but it's still a point for financial reflection.

Of course, Arsenal themselves don't fight shy of lashing-out when they feel it's necessary — and, though sometimes dogged by injury since his move from Wolves, midfielder Alan Sunderland has shown enough skilful touches to justify his £240,000 price-tag.

When Liverpool, albeit reluctantly, picked up their £500,000 fee from Hamburger SV for Kevin Keegan, they didn't let it rot in the

bank.

All but £60,000 of it went out straight away for Kenny Dalglish — and look what's happened to Celtic since he left them! — and, in the New Year, another £352,000 was paid for Graeme Souness.

Dalglish has averaged round about a goal in every two games throughout the season, while the recruitment of Souness mid-way through had added extra subtlety in his assorted skills.

True, Liverpool "failed" by the wide limit of expectations we tend to place upon them nowadays. They lost their League title, went out of the F.A. Cup first-time-out — and "only" became the first side to reach Wembley twice in the same season!

Retaining the European Cup — and, if they do, who'd bet against



ABOVE, LEFT . . . Kenny Dalglish signs on the dotted line to become a Liverpool superstar.

ABOVE . . . Terry Neill snapped up Alan Sunderland from Wolves for a bargain fee.



LEFT ... Archie Gemmill shows the style that has made Forest the team of the season.

ABOVE ... Britain's most expensive star, Manchester United's Gordon McQueen.

BELOW ... Pat Jennings has given the Arsenal defence experience.



TRANSFERS, as we all know, are a gamble. They can bring success and happiness all round — or just the reverse. And the transfer tragedy of the season surely centres around Leicester.

A few weeks ago, Frank McLintock — former "Footballer of the Year", Arsenal "Double"-winning skipper, and as likeable and knowledgeable a character as you'd find in the game — was forced to concede, for the first time in his life, he wasn't a winner.

He resigned after his first ten, largely unsuccessful, months as manager — having, equally unsuccessfully, spent best part of half a million on nine new players in a vain bid to halt Leicester's downward slide.

Top of Frank's shopping-list was the club-record fee of £175,000 paid in December to FC Bruges for Roger Davies (below) who, ironically, has sat-out recent games as sub.

Leicester are doomed to the Second Division; McLintock is out of a job; and, but for his ill-fated move back to England, in just a few days' time Davies — whose four early-round goals set the Belgians on the road to the European Cup Final — would be playing against Emlyn Hughes's Liverpool lads at Wembley.



BETWEEN last close-season, and the annual "deadline" in mid-March, something like £10-million changed hands in the English transfer-market.

And that's around 50 per cent up on the corresponding period in the previous season — a rise which, even allowing for inflation and too much money chasing too few real stars, is still pretty considerable.

Manchester United paid out almost a tenth of that total on just two players — Scottish World Cup stars Gordon McQueen and Joe Jordan from Leeds.

Here are the leading six-figure deals in, and just after, this period.

£500,000:
KEVIN KEEGAN (Liverpool to Hamburger SV)
GORDON McQUEEN (Leeds to Manchester United)
£440,000:
KENNY DALGLISH (Celtic to Liverpool)
£352,000:
GRAEME SOUNESS (Middlesbrough to Liverpool)
£350,000:
JOE JORDAN (Leeds to Manchester United)
£300,000:
MIKE CHANNON (Southampton to Manchester City)

PAUL HART (Blackpool to Leeds)
£275,000:
GORDON HILL (Manchester United to Derby)
PETER SHILTON (Stoke to Forest)

£250,000:
TOMMY CRAIG (Newcastle to Villa)
DENNIS TUEART (Manchester City to Cosmos)

£240,000: ALAN SUNDERLAND (Wolves to Arsenal)

£200,000:
TEDDY MAYBANK (Fulham to Brighton)
KEN McNAUGHT (Everton to Villa)
DAVE THOMAS (Q.P.R. to Everton)

£175,000:
ROGER DAVIES (FC Bruges to Leicester)
BRIAN FLYNN (Burnley to Leeds)

£170,000:
DAVID CROSS (West Bromwich to West Ham)
£150,000:
PAUL BRADSHAW (Blackburn to Wolves)
STEVE BUCKLEY (Luton to Derby)
KENNY BURNS (Birmingham to Forest)
MARK McGHEE (Morton to Newcastle)
BRUCE RIOCH (Everton to Derby)
TREVOR ROSS (Arsenal to Everton)
GEORGE WOOD (Blackpool to Everton)

£145,000:
DAVE NEEDHAM (Q.P.R. to Forest)

£140,000:
PHIL BOYER (Norwich to Southampton)
TONY TOWERS (Sunderland to Birmingham)

£135,000:
KEITH BERTSCHIN (Ipswich to Birmingham)

£130,000:
ARCHIE GEMMILL (Derby to Forest)

£125,000:
KEITH OSGOOD (Spurs to Coventry)
BILL RAFFERTY (Carlisle to Wolves)

£120,000:
BILL ASHCROFT (Wrexham to Middlesbrough)
ALAN GOWLING (Newcastle to Bolton)
ARTHUR GRAHAM (Aberdeen to Leeds)
MARK LAWRENSON (Preston to Brighton)

£110,000:
DEREK HALES (Derby to West Ham)

£100,000:
JOHN BLACKLEY (Hibernian to Newcastle)

MIKE LARNACH (Clydebank to Newcastle)
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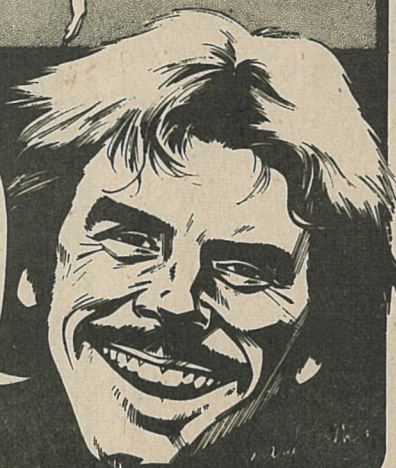
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THE season died for me and Manchester United at The Hawthorns, on Wednesday, February 1st... when West Brom beat us 3-2 in an F.A. Cup Fourth Round replay.

By that time United had been knocked out of the League Cup in the Second Round at Arsenal, and the European Cup-Winners' Cup by F.C. Porto, despite a tremendous Second Round second-leg performance at Old Trafford.

At the start of the New Year it was obvious to all, except the most fervent Stretford Ender, there was no way United could be a serious challenge to title hopefuls Nottingham Forest, Everton, Manchester City and Liverpool.

Everyone at Old Trafford was extremely disappointed at United's League form. No matter how hard the team tried we couldn't find the necessary consistency in our play.

I won't blame injuries, although United suffered their fair share this season.

At one time or other they lost the essential services of skipper Martin Buchan, Pancho Pearson, Jimmy and Brian Greenhoff and Lou Macari... the nucleus of the side.

Maybe the club lacked some strength in depth at the start of the season, although the lads who came into the side as replacements never let United down.

Manager Dave Sexton added strength by paying around £900,000 for the combined talents and power of Joe Jordan and Gordon McQueen.

It's ironic that after their arrival, United went something like 14 matches without a win, while Leeds, their old club, shot up the table.

But that's no reflection on Joe and Gordon. It takes time for new men to settle down... adjust to different styles and techniques. As I'll find out at Derby County next season.

Some people have said the change of manager affected United.

Certainly Dave Sexton is a totally different character from Tommy Docherty, and so changed the pattern of play to one of his own design.

The pressure on any boss taking over a big club like United must be enormous. Critics don't only expect immediate success, they almost demand it.

Although I'm no longer with the club, I still believe it's vital for Manchester United to win the Championship again.

They are the most glamorous club in the land. Success for them would act as a yardstick for others to copy.

United came close to winning that title in 1975-76, the season they came up from the Second Division.

I'm glad the



my soccer scene

**GORDON
HILL**

One in the eye for Albion's F.A. Cup hero Cyrille Regis during their F.A. Cup Fourth Round replay v. United at The Hawthorns.



They were in the running as well for a while last term, before blowing up near the end.

After doing so well in the League for two seasons, I suppose it was on the cards United would slip this time out.

It's very rare for a side to maintain a consistently high standard year after year.

Over the last ten years or so only Liverpool and Leeds managed to remain at the top for lengthy periods.

If United had been Championship pacesetters this term, maybe I would have still been part of Dave Sexton's future plans.

Apart from my personal problems at the club, I suppose the most disappointing aspect of the season for me was defeat in the Cup-Winners' Cup.

Like all at Old T. I was confident of winning the trophy. I really believed United's name was on it this time.

As you know, we lost 6-5 to F.C. Porto after fighting back from that 4-0 first-leg deficit.

United's 5-2 victory at Old T. was the highlight of the season for me. The team ripped the Portuguese apart.

Unfortunately, five goals just weren't enough at the end to see us through.

After that setback the atmosphere at the club was a little strained for a while. We were so disappointed to go out of Europe after such a great display of power play.

Still, there was a Wembley place to fight for. Suddenly the mood changed as F.A. Cup time came around. There seemed no way United could lose their grip on the trophy they won last year.

That is, until West Brom and a Cyrille Regis extra-time winner put paid to those dreams at The Hawthorns.

At least I notched one in that match to maintain my goalscoring form.

The most satisfying thing for me this season was being able to keep up my record of hitting around 20 goals a term.

Then sensation . . . I was pulled off at Highbury and transfer-listed by the club.

For a while I couldn't believe I was on my way out of the club most people dream of playing for.

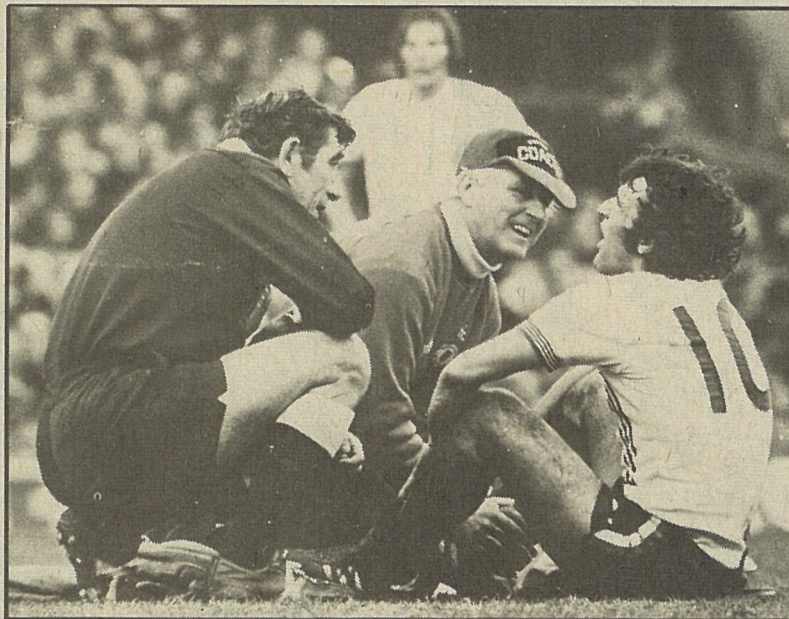
I wasn't unhappy for long though. On April 13th — not unlucky for me — I rejoined my old boss Tommy Docherty at the Baseball Ground. —I'll be telling you the full story of my move in a couple of weeks time. . . when I've settled in at my new club.

The 1977-78 season can't end fast

season's almost over

Gordon relaxes at home . . . reflecting on a disappointing 1977-78 and a new career with Derby County

Injuries to key players like Lou Macari didn't help United's title challenge.



enough for me now. All I want to do is to get all the disappointments and recent upsets out of my system and start afresh.

But what am I moaning about? I've a whole new career ahead of me. There's also the British Championship, England's "B" tour and the World Cup Finals to look forward to.

Before I close this week I'd just like to thank all those readers and Manchester United fans who sent me birthday cards and letters asking me to stay at Old Trafford.

I really appreciate your kind thoughts. The sentiments of most of the letters made me feel very humble indeed.

Unfortunately I can't possibly reply to you all personally. I'd need a full-time secretary and an inexhaustible supply of stamps and envelopes.

Cheers for now. Join me again next week when I'll tell you why I hope Ipswich Town wins the F.A. Cup Final.

P.F.A. TEAMS OF THE YEAR

FIRST DIVISION

SHILTON (Nottm. Forest)			
GIDMAN (Aston Villa)	McQUEEN (Leeds, now Man. Utd)	BUCHAN (Man. Utd)	STATHAM (W.B.A.)
COPPELL (Man. Utd)	BRADY (Arsenal)	BROOKING (West Ham)	
FRANCIS (Birmingham)	JORDAN (Leeds, now Man. Utd)	ROBERTSON (Nottm. Forest)	

PERHAPS the most surprising fact is Manchester United, who've had a very moderate season, supply no fewer than four of those players.

The centre-back pairing of Gordon McQueen and Martin Buchan is fair enough, although McQueen hasn't quite settled into prime form since his move from Leeds, and Buchan has probably had better seasons.

As Joe Jordan has scored only three goals since his arrival at Old Trafford one has to question his inclusion over that most consistent of goalscorers Everton's Bob Latchford.

It was baffling that no one from either of Merseyside's two top clubs was highly regarded enough

to earn a place. Everton have been amongst the front-runners all through, and Liverpool's men had earned the distinction of becoming the third British side to win the European Cup, and are current Champions.

Ray Clemence had something to say on this subject in his article earlier in the magazine.

Although Nottingham Forest's brilliant season is marked by the selections of Peter Shilton in goal, and John Robertson on the left-wing, it seems strange midfielder Archie Gemmill (so nearly Footballer of the Year), striker Tony Woodcock (the find of the season) and defender Kenny Burns (soccer's most reformed character) don't get a look in.

Everton's leading goalscorer Bob Latchford (right) has been devastating this season and it was a little surprising that the England striker failed to make the First Division team. Meanwhile, Joe Jordan (below) was included despite the fact he has not hit the form that made Manchester United fork out £350,000.



SECOND DIVISION

DAINES (Spurs)			
NAYLOR (Spurs)	P. JONES (Bolton)	P. FUTCHER (Luton)	SANSOM (C. Palace)
HODDLE (Spurs)		BALL (Southampton)	REID (Bolton)
WARD (Brighton)	DUNCAN (Spurs)	P. TAYLOR (Spurs)	

IF ANYTHING this choice is even more surprising than the First Division list.

Although Barry Daines has had a fine season, and rightly is judged over 30 appearances, one can't help feeling it's a good job the dinner was held before voters had chance to see him drop two horrible clangers on successive Saturdays on television — against Bristol Rovers and Mansfield.

Perhaps a more meritorious choice would have been Jim McDonagh, who has let in fewer goals for challengers Bolton.

Paul Futchter must consider himself lucky to be nominated after missing so much of the season following a car injury. Glenn Roeder, an inspiring figure in

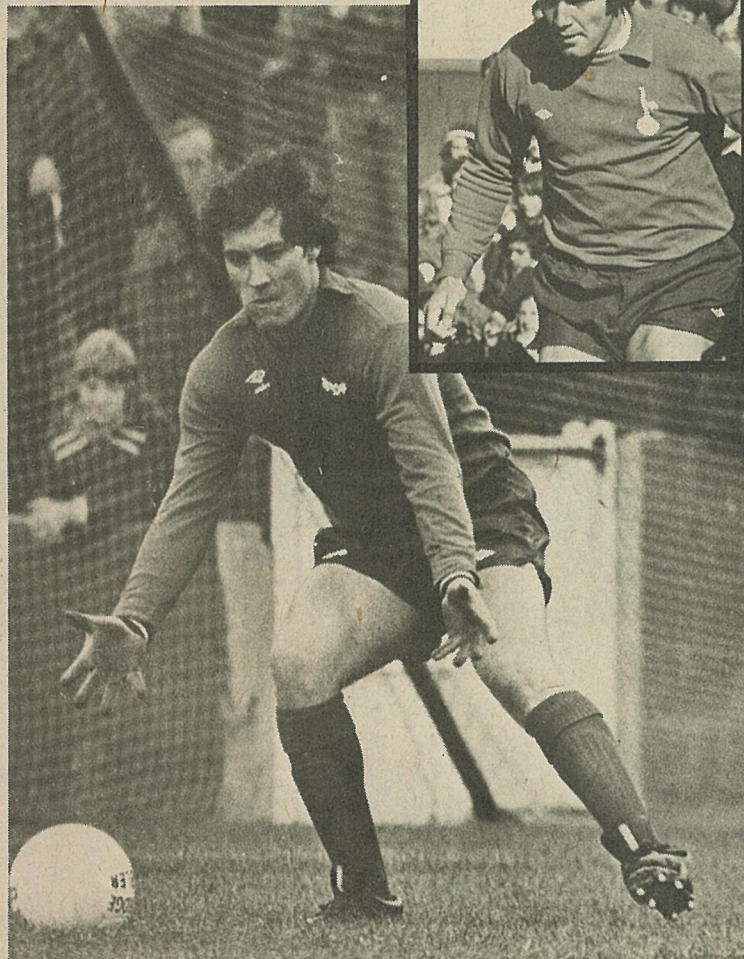
Orient's remarkable Cup run, would have been a worthy replacement.

Another Orient player unluckily omitted is striker Peter Kitchen, who has been a huge success in his first season at Brisbane Road.

With Peter Ward having a very lean spell indeed at Brighton, and John Duncan recently dropped by Spurs, the strike force doesn't look as hot as it might.

Many at the P.F.A. dinner at the London Hilton were surprised at the omission of Charlton's Mike Flanagan. When the voting was concluded just after Christmas he was running neck - and - neck with Bob Latchford as the leading striker in the country, ahead of Peter Ward and John Duncan.

Tottenham's Barry Daines (right) has had a good season but Jim McDonagh (below) of Bolton has conceded less goals.



— FAIR OR UNFAIR?

ONE of the more interesting aspects of the P.F.A. annual dinner is the selection of Divisional teams — always bound to cause controversy.

Naturally everyone has his own idea of the perfectly balanced side, but as these teams are the choice of the players themselves, they become rather more interesting than most.

Just how many players do take the trouble to vote remains a mystery, and of course there's always the

danger of some skullduggery — for example we heard all the Swindon Town staff voted for John Trollope as Young Player of the Year — very flattering for John who must be nearer 40 than 30!

This year there was certainly plenty to argue about, and the fact five of the chosen players in the four Divisions have since moved on to new clubs gives food for thought.

Here we have a closer look at the teams . . .

THIRD DIVISION

DAVIES (Wrexham)				
BATSON (Cambridge, now W.B.A.)	TURNER (Peterboro')	KENNEDY (Bury)		
ROSS (Peterboro')		THOMAS (Wrexham)		
SHINTON (Wrexham)	BUCKLEY (Walsall)	MCNEIL (Wrexham)	KEMP (P'mouth, now Carlisle)	MOSS (Swindon)

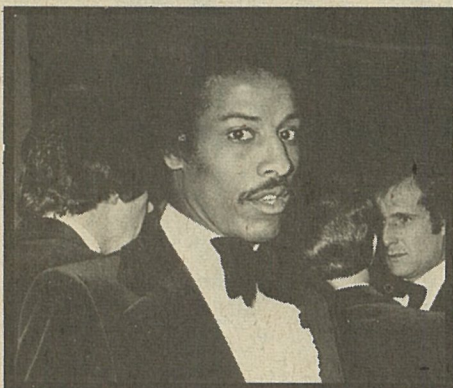
AN ADVENTUROUS, if lop-sided team with fantastic goalscoring potential.

It could only be listed in 3-2-5 formation with a forward line that has an incredible tally of 100 goals between them.

Whether that's the sort of team that could succeed in modern-day football would be most interesting

to see.

Two of the team have moved, of course, from the clubs where they made an impact on fellow professionals, Brendon Batson returning to First Division football with West Brom after his spell at Cambridge, and David Kemp just beating the deadline in moving right up country from Portsmouth to Carlisle.



As Cambridge United made a determined effort to gain promotion from the Third Division, their black defender Brendon Batson (left) was superb. He was transferred to West Bromwich in March. In the same month, Portsmouth sold their leading striker David Kemp (below, right) to Carlisle United.



FOURTH DIVISION

SPRINGETT (Barnsley)				
LAWLER (Stockport)	ELLIS (Watford)	McCARTHY (Barnsley)	PRITCHETT (Watford)	
JOSLYN (Watford)		MILLER (Doncaster)		
JAMES (Swansea)	CURTIS (Swansea)	O'CALLAGHAN (Doncaster, now Stoke)	MAYES (Watford)	

A STRONG Watford influence here, as indeed there had to be, with the runaway successes of Graham Taylor's side at Vicarage Road.

It's good to see a couple of "old-timers" if they'll excuse the description, Peter Springett and Chris Lawler, still making their mark on the game.

Strangely, to say the Fourth Division is so competitive with little to

choose between about ten clubs beneath Watford, the team covers only five clubs, with Swansea contributing Alan Curtis and Robbie James and Doncaster, Brendan O'Callaghan (now Stoke) and Ian Miller.

So those were the teams of the players' choice. How many readers agree with them?



The Fourth Division side consisted of players from just five clubs. Doncaster Rovers' Ian Miller (left) filled one of the midfield spots. Alan Curtis (below, left) and Robbie James (right) have been hitting the target regularly for Swansea City.



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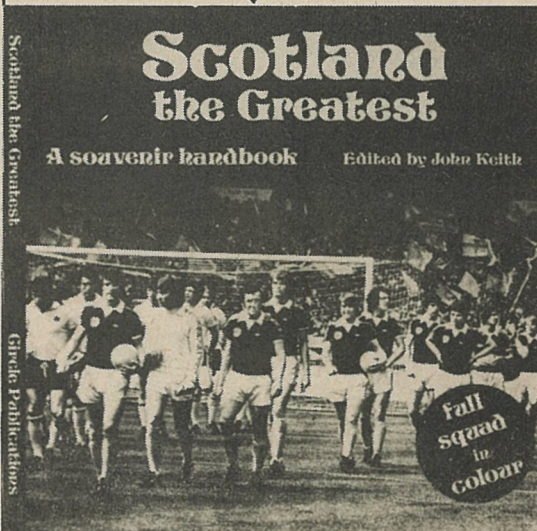
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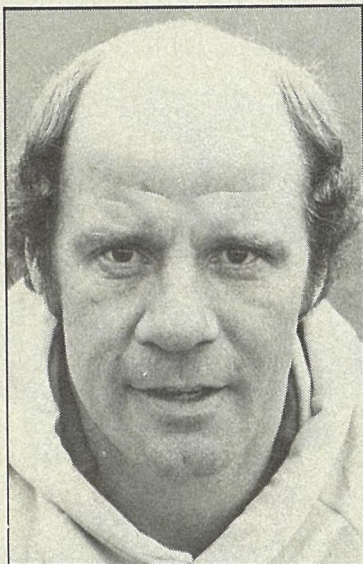
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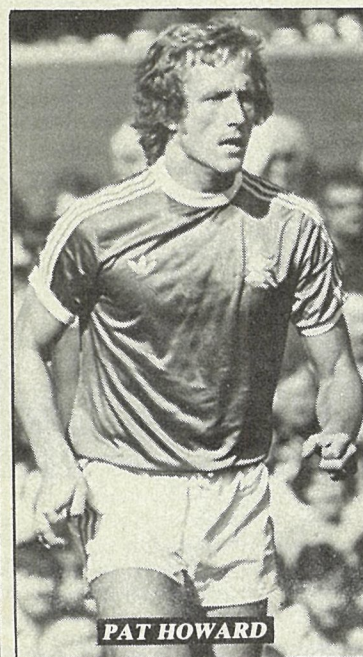
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Birmingham City manager Jim Smith (above) had a playing career that took in four League clubs and Boston United. He started with Sheffield United in 1957 and four years later was transferred to Aldershot, where he stayed for three seasons before signing for Halifax Town in 1964. In 1967 Jimmy moved to Lincoln for a season before becoming player-manager of non-League Boston United. In 1972 Colchester United offered him the job of manager and under him the Essex club were promoted from the Fourth Division in 1974. 1975 saw him become boss at Blackburn Rovers until Birmingham City paid out his contract to enable him to take over at St. Andrews in March of this year.



PAT HOWARD

THE ARRIVAL of new manager Jim Smith at Birmingham City has calmed an explosive situation at St. Andrews. The going of Sir Alf Ramsey, talk of a supporters' boycott and an unsettled superstar in Trevor Francis, were soon forgotten as City shook off growing fears of relegation with an unbeaten run that saw the club gain 15 points out of 18 since the arrival of "Jim'll fix-it" as he is known to the City fans.

Now Birmingham followers can look forward to a new campaign with Trevor Francis the key to their future success. The arrangement that will see Trevor play in America with Detroit Express this summer and return soon after the start of next season is a good one.

It enables Francis to earn a fat fee and return contented to lead City to greater victories next season. The alternative would have meant a continuing battle by the club to keep one of the few truly great players in English football.

BIRMINGHAM CITY

HOW TO GET TO ST. ANDREWS

Nearest railway station is Birmingham New Street. Bus specials run from Albert Street and Hall of Memory, Broad Street and buses 53 and 54 from Carr's Lane, City Centre.

IF YOU TRAVEL BY CAR

You can reach St. Andrew's via the M1, M45 and A45 to Small Heath area of Birmingham and via Cattell Road (sixth turning on the right past Small Heath Park) to the ground. Via M6 (exit six, Gravelly Hill) and A38M (Aston Expressway), leave Expressway at first exit, left into Dartmouth Street, and then via Lawley Street and Watery Lane on to the Coventry Road. Turn left and then take left fork into Cattell Road. There is also a Public car park in Garrison Lane.



Jimmy Montgomery punches clear during a local derby against Aston Villa.

TOP LEAGUE SCORERS

1972-73	Bob Latchford ..19
1973-74	Bob Hatton14
1974-75	Bob Hatton14
1975-76	Trevor Francis ..17
1976-77	Trevor Francis ..21

GROUND: St Andrews.
SIZE OF PITCH: 115 yards by 75 yards.
TELEPHONE No: 021-772 2689.
NICKNAME: 'Blues'.
COLOURS: Royal blue shirts with three white vertical stripes on sleeves. White shorts with three royal blue vertical stripes down side. White stockings with three royal blue hoops on turnover.

RECORD VICTORY:
12-0 v Walsall Town Swifts, Division Two, December 17th, 1892 and v Doncaster Rovers, Division Two, April 11th, 1903.

RECORD DEFEAT:
1-9 v Sheffield Wednesday, Division One, December 13th, 1930.

MOST LEAGUE POINTS IN A SEASON:
59 in Division Two, 1947-48.

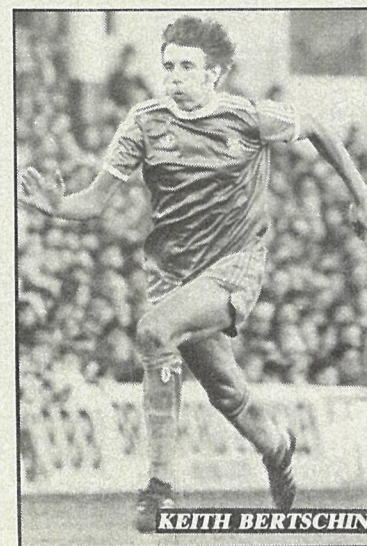
HIGHEST LEAGUE SCORER IN A SEASON:
Joe Bradford 29 in Division One, 1927-28.

THE CLUB RECORD SINCE 1960-61

(C—League Championship; P — Promoted; R — Relegated; W — Winners; F — Finalists; S/F — Semi-Finalists; Q/F — Quarter-Finalists).

SEASON	LEAGUE Division & Placing	F.A. CUP Round Reached	LEAGUE CUP Round Reached
1960-61	1 — 19th	5th	3rd
1961-62	1 — 17th	3rd	1st
1962-63	1 — 20th	3rd	W
1963-64	1 — 20th	3rd	2nd
1964-65	1 — 22nd (R)	3rd	2nd
1965-66	2 — 10th	4th	2nd
1966-67	2 — 10th	Q/F	S/F
1967-68	2 — 4th	S/F	3rd
1968-69	2 — 7th	5th	2nd
1969-70	2 — 18th	3rd	2nd
1970-71	2 — 9th	3rd	4th
1971-72	2 — 2nd (P)	S/F	2nd
1972-73	1 — 10th	3rd	4th
1973-74	1 — 19th	4th	Q/F
1974-75	1 — 17th	S/F	2nd
1975-76	1 — 19th	3rd	3rd
1976-77	1 — 13th	4th	2nd
1977-78	1 — —	4th	2nd

Since the 1960-61 season, Birmingham have twice been in the old Fairs Cup. In 1960-61 they were runners-up and the following season they were knocked out in the Second Round.



KEITH BERTSCHIN

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BIRMINGHAM



BACK ROW (left to right): John Connolly, Ricky Shragis, Jim Montgomery, David Latchford, Joe Gallagher, Pat Howard.
MIDDLE ROW: Ken Oliver (coach), Jim Williams (physio), Steve Fox, Archie Styles, Gary Emmanuel, Malcolm Page, Kevin Dillon, Ray

HAM CITY



Devey (groundstaff).
FRONT ROW: Kevin Broadhurst, Gary Pendrey, Terry Hibbitt, Jim Smith (manager), Trevor Francis, Jim Calderwood, Tony Towers.



continued

PEN PICTURES

(L. App.: — League Appearances; G: — Goals; S: — Substitutes: All records to the end of February, 1978).

KEITH BERTSCHIN: Striker who cost a big fee when signed from Ipswich Town in July, 1977. England Under-21 international. Born Enfield. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 11.8. L.App.: — Ipswich 19 and 13 sub, Birmingham 29. G: — Ipswich 8, Birmingham 8.

KEVAN BROADHURST: Young midfielder who scored on his debut at home to Norwich City on February 12th, 1977. Signed professional for the club a month later in March, 1977. Born Dewsbury. Ht. 5.9½. Wt. 11.0. L. App: — 8, G: — 1.

JIMMY CALDERWOOD: Came up through the City youth team to sign professional in July, 1972. Born Glasgow. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.0. L. App: — 98 and 9 sub. G: — 3.

JOHN CONNOLLY: Winger who was signed from Everton for £80,000 in September, 1976. Scottish Under-23 international with one full cap. Born Glasgow. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.7. L. App: — St. Johnstone 96, Everton 105 and 3 sub, Birmingham 45 and 6 sub. G: — St. Johnstone 41, Everton 15, Birmingham 8.

KEVIN DILLON: Striker signed professional in July, 1977 and made his debut this season in the City League side at home to Bristol City on December 27th, 1977. Born Sunderland. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 10.3. L. App: — 11 and 1 sub. G: — 1.

GARY EMMANUEL: Midfielder or striker signed professional in July, 1971. Born Swansea. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.8. L. App: — 47 and 8 sub. G: — 6.

STEVE FOX: Young striker who made his debut as a League player at W.B.A. on February 28th, 1977. Signed professional from the youth team in August, 1976. Born Tamworth. Ht. 5.7¼. Wt. 10.12. L. App: — 5 and 1 sub. G: — 1.

TREVOR FRANCIS: Striker who signed professional on his 17th birthday in April, 1971. Burst on the soccer scene when he scored four goals v Bolton while still an apprentice player. Capped at England Under-23 level and is now a regular in the full team with nine caps. Born Plymouth. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.7. L. App: — 257 and 1 sub. G.: — 106.

JOE GALLAGHER: Central defender who signed professional in January, 1972. League debut v Arsenal in October, 1973. Missed the first half of this season owing to a car crash, but returned to the League side v Bristol City on December 27th. Born Liverpool. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.3. L. App.: — 145 and 5 sub. G: — 12.

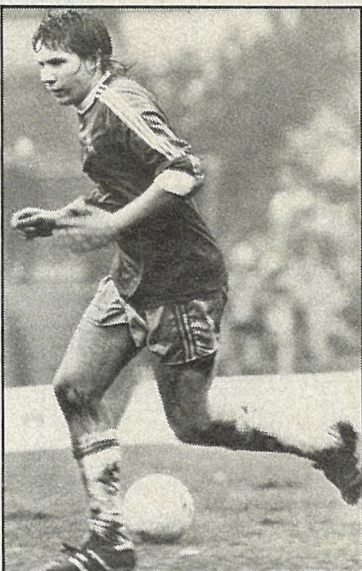
TERRY HIBBITT: Midfielder who cost £110,000 when signed from



Gary Emmanuel (left) and Trevor Francis organise a free-kick

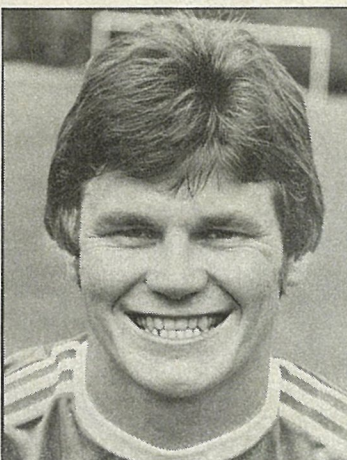
Newcastle United in September, 1975. Fine ball-player who provides many openings for the City strikers. Born Bradford. Ht. 5.6. Wt. 9.10. L. App: — Leeds 32 and 13 sub, Newcastle 138, Birmingham 98. G: — Leeds 9, Newcastle 7, Birmingham 10.

PAT HOWARD: Central defender signed from Arsenal for £40,000 in August, 1977 and teamed up for the second time with Terry Hibbitt, both players had been together with Newcastle United. Born Dordrecht. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 12.0. L. App: — Barnsley 176 and 1 sub, Newcastle 182 and 1 sub, Arsenal 15 and 1 sub. Birmingham 25. G: — Barnsley 6, Newcastle 7.



JIM MONTGOMERY: Goalkeeper signed from Sunderland in March, 1977. An England Under-23 international who had played 537 League games for Sunderland before his transfer. His brilliant 'keeping has been an outstanding feature of the City team this season. Born Sunderland. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.9. L. App: — Sunderland 537, Southampton (Loan) 5, Birmingham 41.

MALCOLM PAGE: Defender signed professional in September, 1964 and the longest serving player with the club. Regular in the Welsh international team with over 20 caps. Born Knucklas (Rads). Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.11. L. App: — 282 and 11 sub. G: — 9.



Central-defender Joe Gallagher (above). A promising youngster at St. Andrew's is Steve Fox (left).

GARY PENDREY: Defender signed professional in October, 1966. Born Birmingham. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.0. L. App: — 266 and 16 sub. G: — 3.

ARCHIE STYLES: Defender signed from Everton in February, 1974, as part of the £300,000 deal that saw Bob Latchford go to the Merseyside club. Born Liverpool. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.0. L. App: — Everton 22 and 1 sub, Birmingham 70 and 3 sub. G: — 3.

TONY TOWERS: Midfielder who cost £150,000 when signed from Sunderland in July, 1977. England Under-23 international with three full caps. Born Manchester. Ht. 5.8½. Wt. 11.2½. L. App: — Manchester City 117 and 5 sub, Sunderland 108, Birmingham 25 and 1 sub. G: — Manchester City 10, Sunderland 19, Birmingham 2.

TONY WANT: Defender signed from Tottenham for £40,000 in May, 1972. Born London. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.1. L. App: — Tottenham 46 and 4 sub, Birmingham 98 and 3 sub. G: — Birmingham 1

LEAGUE FIXTURES

Aug			
20	Man. Utd.	H	1-4
24	Chelsea.	A	0-2
27	Leeds U.	A	0-1
Sept			
3	Liverpool.	H	0-1
10	Middlesbrough.	A	2-1
17	Newcastle U.	H	3-0
24	W.B.A.	A	1-3
Oct			
1	Aston Villa.	A	1-0
4	Q.P.R.	H	2-1
8	Coventry C.	H	1-1
15	Ipswich T.	A	2-5
22	Derby Co.	H	3-1
29	Arsenal.	A	1-1
Nov			
5	Wolves.	H	2-1
12	Everton.	A	1-2
19	Leicester C.	H	1-1
26	Norwich C.	A	0-1
Dec			
3	Nottm. For.	H	0-2
10	Man. City.	A	0-3
17	Everton.	H	0-0
26	West Ham.	A	0-1
27	Bristol C.	H	3-0
31	Chelsea.	H	4-5
Jan			
2	Man. Utd.	A	2-1
14	Leeds U.	H	2-3
21	Liverpool.	A	3-2
Feb			
4	Middlesbrough.	H	1-2
25	Aston Villa.	H	1-0
28	W.B.A.	H	1-2
Mar.			
4	Coventry C.	A	0-4
15	Newcastle U.	A	1-1
18	Derby Co.	A	3-1
21	Arsenal.	H	1-1
25	Bristol C.	A	1-0
28	West Ham.	H	3-0
Apr.			
1	Wolves.	A	1-0
8	Norwich C.	H	2-1
11	Ipswich T.	H	0-0
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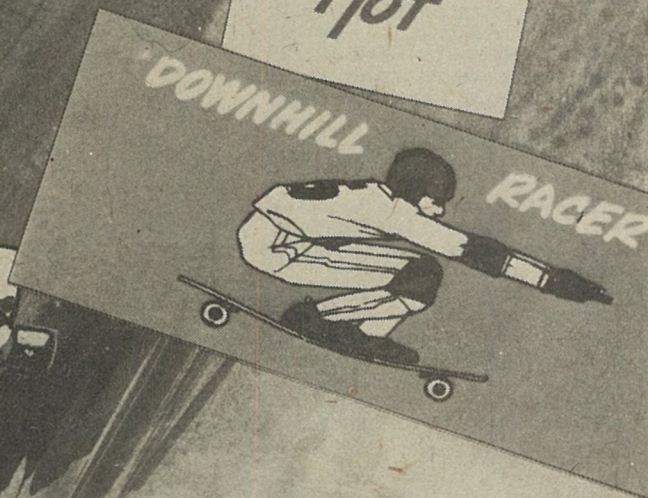
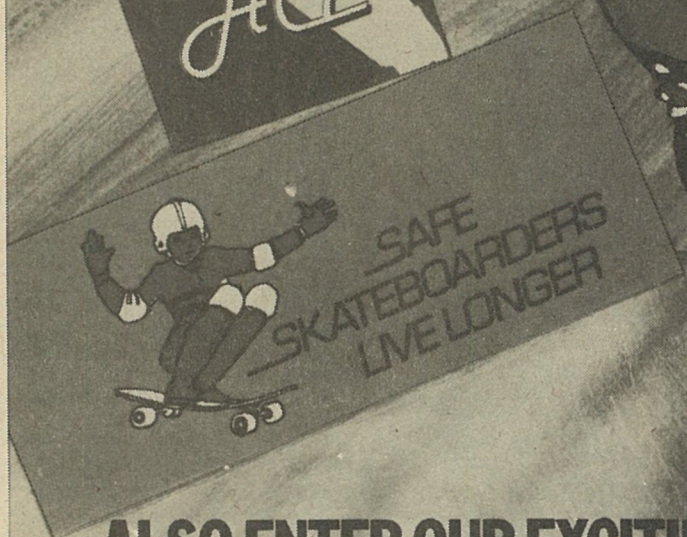
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'WE ARE NOT EASY LOSERS'

No.13 ALI PARVIN IRAN

SHOOT: Few people in Britain know anything about yourself or Iran. Could you first of all introduce yourself, Ali.

PARVIN: I'm 32 and I have four brothers and four sisters. I'm the fifth child. I've played football since I was 12, starting in the streets, but always as a right-winger. My job is selling cars as we are not full-time professionals in Iran.

SHOOT: When did you make your mark as an international?

PARVIN: With the National Youth Team in the Philippines when we reached the Quarter-Finals. My full international debut came at the age of 17, but it wasn't until I was 21 that I really joined the selection. I captained the team during the '72 and '76 Olympics and to date I've played 85 games for Iran.

SHOOT: The World Cup Finals will see Iran's debut in big-time football. Does soccer have much of a tradition in your country?

PARVIN: It started 75 years ago and was played at foreign-run schools, such as British, French and German. They held regular competitions and Iranian students joined in. Later, our own students went to Europe and returned bet-



BACK ROW: Hossein Faraki, Nasser Hejazi, Ghafour Jahani, Mohammad Reza, Adel Khani.

FRONT ROW: Hassan Nazari, Hassan Rowshan, Ali Parvin, Mohammad Sadeghi, Anderanik Eskandarian, Ebrahim Ghassempour.

ter footballers. It was then competitions started in Tehran, Abadan, Isfahan and Tabriz. After World War Two these competitions took on the shape of club tournaments with clubs being affiliated to various government ministries and religions, such as Zoroastrian, Armenians and other Christians and Jews.

SHOOT: So football is very popular in Iran now?

PARVIN: Yes, about equal with the traditional free-style wrestling. We don't have football clubs as you know them — our clubs are all multi-sports with soccer being a part of them.

SHOOT: What about League football?

PARVIN: This began six years ago with 16 teams in the First Division and 12 in the Second and Third. There are now 120,000 players under the jurisdiction of the Football Federation — 50,000 under the age of 20, 15,000 under 17 and the remaining are seniors.

SHOOT: We've seen on television that your internationals attract huge attendances.

PARVIN: The record is 100,000 with receipts about £100,000. Three or four games each year attract this sort of gate, but the average is nearer 20,000 for the

Manager Heshmat Mohajerany is carried shoulder-high after Iran's victory over Australia in Tehran.



World Cup

Argentina '78
CAPTAINS

RIGHT
It's a goal! And Iran take one step nearer the World Cup Finals in Argentina.

BELOW
Iran played Argentina in a tournament in Madrid last year, thus gaining vital experience.



rest. The admission prices range from 60 pence to £3.50, roughly the same as in Britain.

SHOOT: An Irishman, Frank O'Farrell, did much to put Iranian soccer on the map, didn't he?

PARVIN: Yes, for two years from 1974 to 1976 he worked very hard and we benefited from his ideas. Almost all the coaches in Iran have studied in either Britain or West Germany and we in turn have hired European coaches for our clubs.

SHOOT: Who is your present manager?

PARVIN: Heshmat Mohajerany, who is 38 and a well-known former player of the Iran Police team. He holds the rank of major and under his guidance Iran won the National Youth competition for a few years.

SHOOT: We're sure many people think your players are all very rich. Is that so?

PARVIN: Sadly, no! We're not professionals as the Europeans know them and our bonuses are more like £500 than the £5,000 or more that some World Cup countries receive.

SHOOT: No one expects you to qualify from your group in Argentina which, of course, includes Holland and Scotland. What are your feelings?

PARVIN: Simply that Iran are not easy losers, but very hard fighters.

We are going to Argentina to defend the prestige of Asia and we are quite aware of what we must do.

SHOOT: You've had some useful games against Europeans, including Wales recently.

PARVIN: Not only Europeans, but we have also played Argentina who needed a penalty to beat us. As I said, we are aware of what is facing us in June.

SHOOT: Who are some of the players who could trouble Scotland?

PARVIN: The man who will be trying to keep Scotland out is goalkeeper Nasser Hejazi, 27, who played in the Montreal Olympics two years ago. He's experienced, mobile and has fast reactions. Our best forward is 23-year-old Hassan Rowshan and his shooting could be a feature of the World Cup. Two other players to watch out for are Ebrahim Ghassempour and Hassan Nazari.

SHOOT: How much do you know about Scotland?

PARVIN: Our television keeps us in touch — **SHOOT** is also available in Tehran.

SHOOT: And after Argentina?

PARVIN: We have won the Asian Cup for three successive years. Now we want to make it four, and after the World Cup we shall prepare for the defence of it in Bangkok.



Spotlight on

HASSAN ROWSHAN star striker

Birth: 1955

Height: 5ft 5½ins

Weight: 10st

Family: Has one brother and two sisters

Started competitions: nine years ago.

Education: Secondary school diploma

Played football: since he was five years old

Favourite coaches: Raikof (Yugoslavian), Frank O'Farrell, George Skinner and Heshmat Mohajerany.

'Holland and Iran to go through'

Rowshan is a very intelligent player. The Iranian Press call him "The Man of the Seconds", because of his very fast reactions. He is captain of Taj club, one of the strongest in the country and had played for the Iranian national youth team before joining the national team of Iran.

His father was an excellent player and coach. Hassan started to play football in the streets and would have loved to have been a goalkeeper, but found this not only to be dangerous but also carried the heaviest responsibility. Also, he was too small in stature.

At school, besides soccer, he played tennis, table tennis and loved track and field athletics, cross country and wrestled for several years.

Mohajerany selected him to the national team five years ago. Since

then he has played 34 matches for Iran. He has also played 27 matches for the national youth team, his best game in that team being the 16th, in Bangkok, where he was the top striker, with eight goals. He has played 190 matches for his club (Taj) and scored 53 goals.

He enjoys the cinema, plays tennis and reads a lot. Hassan likes sports cars, his favourite colour being blue. He likes Western films and has great admiration for Egypt's President, Anwar Sadat.

Hassan Rowshan thinks the Iranian national football team will play much better than in the Montreal Olympics.

He says: "We cannot perform a miracle, but we can do our best and mean it. I deeply think we are going along with the Dutch team into the Quarter-Finals in Argentina."



Iran v. Australia in Melbourne. Iran won 1-0.

PREVIEW

European Cup— Winners' Cup Final

ANDERLECHT v. AUSTRIA VIENNA

Paris May 3rd

FOR THE third time in succession Anderlecht have qualified for the European Cup-Winners' Cup Final.

In 1976 they beat West Ham United 4-2 in the Final in Brussels. Last season the Belgians lost 2-0 to Hamburger SV in Amsterdam. Now they face Austrian team Austria Vienna in the Parc des Princes Stadium in Paris, the scene of the 1975 European Cup Final between Bayern Munich and Leeds United.

The road to the Final wasn't very easy for the Belgians. They eliminated Lokomotiv Sofia, Hamburger SV, FC Porto and FC Twente on their way. Austria Vienna beat Cardiff City, Lokomotiv Kosice, Hajduk Split and Dynamo Moscow. So, it promises to be a very exciting match.

The best-known players from

"Favourites? I don't like making predictions. We'll just have to wait and see. But ... I'm quite optimistic."

Robbie Rensenbrink said it has been quite a season already ... "and still a lot to come. With the World Cup Finals in Argentina in June, and now the European Cup-Winners' Cup Final it has been — and will be — very hectic. But, it is our job to play and be successful, so ..."

Gilbert Van Binst, Anderlecht's Belgian international didn't know very much about Austria Vienna either.

His reaction: "I don't know a thing about them. I always thought the Austrian danger man Krankl was playing for them, but I was wrong. Anyway, I'm glad he is not with them, that means less worries!"

TWO OUT OF THREE FOR ANDERLECHT?

THE TEAMS THAT REACHED THE FINAL

How they lined-up in their Semi-Final second-leg ties.

ANDERLECHT

De Bree; van Binst, Broos, Dusbaba, Thissen; Haan, Coeck, Vercauteren; van der Elst, Nielsen, Rensenbrink.

AUSTRIA VIENNA

Baumgartner; Robert Sara, Obermayer, Josef Sara, Baumeister; Prohaska, Morales, Grasselich; Drazan, Parits, Pirkner.

LEFT ... Two Austrian internationals who are in the squad for Argentina — Vienna captain Robert Sara (below) and striker Hans Pirkner.

BELOW ... Anderlecht's great Dutch winger Robbie Rensenbrink after the Belgium club had beaten West Ham in the 1976 Final.

the Anderlecht team are the Dutch stars Robbie Rensenbrink, Arie Haan and Johnny Dusbaba. While François van der Elst and Ludo Coeck are the top Belgian players of the team. The Anderlecht manager is Raymond Goethals, former manager of the Belgian national team.

Goethals' reaction after his team had qualified for the Final was: "What a fine team we have! It's incredible, qualifying for this European Final for the third time in a row. This is something few European teams have done. I am very satisfied."

To the question: "What about the Final against Vienna?" Goethals replied: "Well, to be honest, I don't know very much about our opponents. One thing I am sure of is they must be a good, capable team, otherwise they wouldn't be in the Final. Anyway I will be going to watch them as soon as possible.

The mood within the club is a very optimistic one. The general impression is Austria Vienna are "beatable".

As Anderlecht are on very good form they think they can overcome the Austrians.

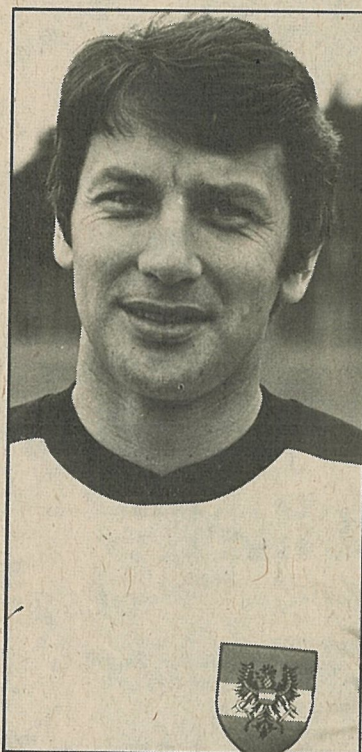
Austria Vienna surely are the underdogs. So, why wouldn't they be able to beat hot-favourites Anderlecht? My forecast is a 3-1 victory for Anderlecht.

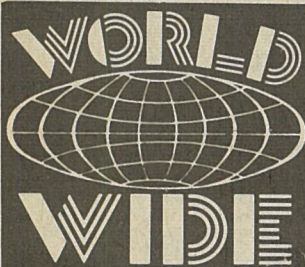
The Belgians have the advantage of playing in a European Final for the third time in succession. The distance between Brussels and Paris is not very far — so, a lot of Anderlecht fans (they are ALL sure of victory!!!) will make the trip.

Anderlecht surely have more experience, particularly of the big occasion, than the Austrians and more class-players.

So, Anderlecht for the Cup-Winners' Cup!

DANNY GEERTS





Compiled by Chris Davie

GERMANS HAVE OWN SECURITY FORCE

WEST Germany's World Cup footballers will be protected by a squad of specially-trained commandos in Argentina. The Germans are taking their own security to the World Cup Finals — and they're taking no chances either.

Experts on security in Germany are worried the World Cup is a natural target for terrorists to further their cause — and here the Germans are very aware that the Baader-Meinhof gang would stop at nothing.

The commandos will be strengthened by men from other German forces and the squad will include snipers, pistol crackshots and experts in unarmed combat. They will follow Germany's 22 players everywhere.

THE Malta national team almost made it 1,000 minutes without a goal, but Oliver Losco scored after six minutes of the game against Tunisia "B". In fact, that meant the Maltese had gone 991 minutes without scoring and that goal proved to be decisive in their 1-0 win.

ITALIAN goalkeeper Dino Zoff has come under fire this season by critics suggesting he is past his best. One Italian critic ventured the opinion Zoff was . . . "as supple as a lamp post" . . . but took it back the day after the Juventus-Ajax European Cup-tie in which Zoff saved two penalties.

GOOD AND BAD NEWS FOR ARGENTINA

ARGENTINA defender Enrique Wolff (below) won't be representing his country in June after all. The Argentina manager, César Luis Menotti, wanted the experienced Wolff to join his squad by the beginning of April, but Real Madrid, plagued with injuries and racing neck-and-neck with Barcelona for the League title, refused to release him until the Spanish League finishes on May 7th. Now the good news . . .

Argentina forward Mario Kempes has confirmed to manager Menotti he will be free to fly to Buenos Aires immediately after Valencia's last League match on May 7th.

Seems like Menotti is prepared to wait for the free-scoring striker.



Scots fans can expect a hot reception

ARGENTINIAN magazine *Goles* has attacked me for defending Scotland fans. With the World Cup Finals now just a few weeks away, I warn the travelling Scots to expect a reception that will be red hot.

A couple of months ago I carried a story criticising statistics put out in the Argentinian Press about Scottish supporters.

The report claimed 99 per cent of Scots fans are drunk when attending a game; 50 per cent looking for a fight; 30 per cent succeed in finding one; ten per cent are escorted to and from the ground by the police; three per cent are arrested for drunkenness; one per cent are arrested for use of violence.

So, if Hampden Park holds around 80,000 fans — most of

them Scots — by the reckoning of the Argentina source, about 75,000 arrive drunk, 40,000 are looking for a fight, almost 1,000 are arrested out of the 25,000 fighting!

Now I don't say Scots fans are angels. At times, they let themselves and their country down, like too many English fans.

Goles said: "However difficult it may be for SHOOT to swallow, it is a fact Scottish fans are normally dead drunk when arriving at the stadium."

"It isn't libel at all. It's true. You only have to remember the scandalous incidents following the Glasgow Rangers/Dynamo Moscow game in Barcelona in 1972.

"Among the catalogue of incidents were a pitch invasion, a battle with the police, hotels ransacked, millions of pesetas worth

of damage to the Nou Camp Stadium and many supporters too drunk to catch their plane home.

"And there's no way you can accuse the Argentinian fans of being famous for their bad behaviour. Here, there are fewer incidents than in Britain. The supporters who have made the news for bad behaviour, violence and drunkenness are the hoodlums of Manchester United, Leeds etc."

Goles have some good points — the record of British fans, at home and abroad, leaves much to be desired. No other nation has fans who do so much damage.

But *Goles* missed my point. I didn't say for one moment Scottish fans never cause trouble. I objected to the obviously incorrect statistics.

We on SHOOT have never tried to whitewash the dreadful things done by certain British fans. But to suggest 99 per cent of Scotland's fans arrive drunk is irresponsible.

Perhaps it's also worth pointing out that grounds abroad, like in Argentina, for instance, have had moats around their pitches surrounded by wire fences for years.

Still, it's a warning to Scots fans going to Argentina with their heroes of how the locals feel. *Goles* carries a lot of weight and the sad fact is their readers will really believe the statistics.

It's ironic that (a) I've always defended Argentina against uninformed European critics and (b) SHOOT is criticised by Scots as being biased against them.

BOCA CHAMPS

ARGENTINIAN club Boca Juniors have won the Copa Interamericana by beating América of Mexico. The competition matches the Champions of South America against the Champions of Central America, and up to now, the South Americans have invariably come out on top. In the previous five times the event has taken place, Independiente of Buenos Aires have won it four times, and Nacional of Montevideo won on the other occasion.

● The two captains — de la Torre of América and Boca's Suñe (right).



7 yellow cards for Cruyff

BARCELONA had to play their recent decisive League game against Real Madrid without their Dutch ace Johan Cruyff. On the previous Saturday Johan was shown the yellow card during Barcelona's 1-1 home draw with local rivals Espanol, and as it was his seventh yellow card of the season (all for protesting) he was automatically suspended for one match.

After the game, which Real won 4-0, Johan complained: "I knew before the match started I was going to be shown the fatal yellow card. It's all part of a plot to make sure Real Madrid win the League."

Come off it, Johan! If you knew there was a risk of suspension for an important game, the answer was simply to stop the useless protesting.

It's a pity a great player like Cruyff has caught the "Spanish disease" of blaming the referee for everything that goes wrong.

NEWS FLASHES

Thanks to sponsorship set-up by agent Cor Coster, Johan Cruyff's father-in-law, each member of the Holland World Cup selection will receive a minimum of £9,000 even if they don't reach the Second Round.

Austria World Cup star Hans Krankl is set to win the Adidas Golden Shoe award for finishing Europe's top goalscorer. The Rapid Vienna striker had scored 36 goals in 33 games, three goals ahead of Bianchi of Paris St-Germaine.

The West German World Cup players had to undergo an ordeal unanimously described as being "more nerve-racking than a Cup Final." They had to visit the dentist . . .

The stadium in Córdoba, where Scotland open their World Cup campaign against Peru, was officially opened on April 15th when the Argentina national team played a friendly against a Córdoba League selection.

Hennes Weisweiler, manager of West German League leaders Cologne, predicts Scotland will be "the revelation of the World Cup" and adds they'll reach "at least the Semi-Finals."

I reported recently Holland full-back Wim Suurbier can't claim a regular place with his West German club Schalke 04. Even so, for simply training and being a sub he earns £1,000 per week and has another two years of his contract to run.

Brazil captain Rivelino, 31, has a contract with the Pony sportswear company who are paying him about £1,000 per game on top of a down-payment of £7,000.

A computer has forecast that 1,400,000,000 people will watch the World Cup Finals on T.V.

RESULTS . . . SCORERS . . . TEAM LINE-UPS

**GOOD FRIDAY,
MARCH 24**

SECOND DIVISION (Continued)

CHARLTON (0) 1 (Brisley) 14,971
C. PALACE (0) 0
 Charlton: Wood; Berry, Warman, Tydeman, Shipperley, Dugdale, Powell, Robinson, Flanagan, Peacock, Brisley.
 Palace: Burridge; Hinshelwood (P), Sansom, Fenwick, Cannon, Gilbert, Nicholas, Graham, Swindlehurst, Walsh, Murphy (Hilaire).
FULHAM (1) 2 (Franks o.g., Money) 8,997
SHEFF. UTD (0) 0
 Fulham: Peyton; Evans, Strong, Bullivant, Lacy, Money, Mahoney, Gale, Mitchell, Evanson, Margerrison.
 Sheff. U.: Brown; Cutbush, Calvert, Speight, Franks, Flynn, Woodward, Keeley, Campbell, Hamson, Stainrod (Edwards).
OLDHAM (0) 1 (Taylor) 10,086
SUNDERLAND (1) 1 (Lee)
 Oldham: Platt; Wood, Holt, Garner, Edwards, Hurst, Valentine, Taylor, Halom (Blair), Chapman, Young.
 Sunderland: Siddall; Henderson, Bolton, Kerr, Clarke, Ashurst, Armstrong, Arnott, Lee, Docherty, Gilbert.

THIRD DIVISION

BURY (2) 2 (Stanton, McIlwraith) 9,212
WREXHAM (1) 3 (Whittle 2, Davis)
 Bury: Forrest; Thomson, Kennedy (Madden), Hatton, Bailey, Wilson, Stanton, Suddick, Rowland, Robins, McIlwraith.
 Wrexham: Davies; Evans, Dwyer, Davis, Roberts, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, McNeil, Whittle, Cartwright.
CHESTER (1) 1 (Crossley) 7,864
PRESTON (1) 2 (Bruce, Elwiss)
 Chester: Lloyd; Edwards (N.), Raynor, Nickes, Delgado, Oakes, Crossley, Livermore, Howat, Mellor, Phillips.
 Preston: Tunks; McMahon, Cameron, Burns, Baxter, Cross, Coleman, Haslegrave, Thomson, Elwiss, Bruce.
LINCOLN (1) 3 (Harford 2, Hoults) 5,792
ROTHERHAM (2) 3 (Gwyther 2, Finney)
 Lincoln: Grotier; Guest, Cockerill, Neale, Wigginton, Crombie, Jones, Graham, Harford, Hubbard, Eden (Hoults).
 Rotherham: McAllister; Pugh, Breckin, Rhodes, Forrest, Green, Finney, Phillips, Gwyther, Goodfellow, Nix.

FOURTH DIVISION

BOURNEMOUTH 0
ALDERSHOT 0 4,470
 Bournemouth: Baker; Butler, Miller, Impey, Brown, Riley, Johnson, Showers, Finnigan, Lennard, Shanahan.
 Aldershot: Johnson; Earls, Wooler, Dixon, Youlden, Jopling, Crosby, Brodie, Bell, Dungworth, Hooper.
CREWE (1) 2 (Coyne, Davies) 4,652
WATFORD (0) 2 (Ellis pen., Jenkins)
 Crewe: Crudgington; Collier, Cheetham, Lugg, Bowles, Rimmer, Davies (D.), Purdie, Coyne, Davies (W.), McGinley.
 Watford: Rankin; Bolton, Pritchett, Booth, Ellis, Garner, Downes, Blissett (Pollard), Jenkins, Joslyn, Mayes.
GRIMSBY (0) 1 (Hanvey) 7,118
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0
 Grimsby: Wainman; Mawer, Booth, Waters, Barker, Hanvey, Broly, Drinkell, Donovan, Lester, Ford.
 Huddersfield: Starling; Brown, Sandercock, Holmes, Sutton, Branagan, Butler, Hart, Eccles (Goldthorpe), Johnson, Gray.
HARTLEPOOL (1) 1 (Houchen) 4,266
BARNLEY (1) 2 (Joicey pen., Prendergast)
 Hartlepool: Edgar; Malone (Linaere), Smith (T.), Gibb, Ayre, Smith (G.), Creamer, McMorrie, Houchen, Foggon, Blaby.
 Barnley: Springett; Murphy, Collins, Collier, Saunders, McCarthy, Nixon, Joicey, Prendergast, Little, Brown (Riley).

READING (1) 1 (Kearns) 6,046
SWANSEA (1) 4 (James 2 pens., Curtis, Morris)
 Reading: Turner; Peters (Kearney), White, Bowman, Hicks, Bennett, Earles, Nelson, Kearns, Cumming, Davies.
 Swansea: Barber; Evans, Morris, Lally, May, Bruton, Moore (K.), James (R.), Curtis, Toshack, Charles.

SOUTHEND (1) 2 (Morris, Tucker o.g.) 11,372
BRENTFORD (1) 1 (Phillips)
 Southend: Freeman; Banks, Yates, Laverick, Townsend, Moody, Morris, Pountney, Parker, Abbott, Fell.
 Brentford: Bond; Salmen (Murray), Tucker, Shrubbs, Kruse, Graham (W), Carlton, Graham (J), Alder, McCulloch, Phillips.

SOUTHPORT (0) 2 (O'Neil, Cooper) 2,673
STOCKPORT (0) 0
 Southport: Cumbes; Kisby, Snookes (Birchall), O'Neil, Brooks, Fisher, Hilton, Wilson, Howarth, Gay, Cooper.
 Stockport: Rogan; Smith, Rutter, Thompson, Faulkner, Fogarty, Fletcher, Halford, Massey, Prudham (Lawler), Howard.

YORK (0) 0
SCUNTHORPE (0) 2 (Grimes, Kilmore) 2,408
 York: Brown; Clements, Hutt, Scott, Topping, Hunter, Novacki, Young, Randall, McDonald, Staniforth.
 Scunthorpe: Crawford; Davy, Pilling, Oates, Deere, Czuczman, Grimes, Kilmore, Keeley, Lumby, Wigg.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

FIRST DIVISION

ARSENAL (1) 4 (Macdonald 3, Young) 36,763
W.B.A. (0) 0
 Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Price, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Sunderland (Rix), Macdonald, Stapleton, Hudson.
 W.B.A.: Godden; Mulligan, Statham, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson, Robson, Brown (A), Regis, Trewick, Cunningham.
ASTON VILLA 0
DERBY 0 32,793
 Villa: Rimmer; Gidman, Smith, Phillips, McNaught, Mortimer, Gregory, Little, Gray, Cowans (Deehan), Carrodus.
 Derby: Middleton; Langan, Buckley, Powell, Daniel, Todd, Curran, Daly, Masson, George, Bartlett.
BRISTOL C (0) 0
BIRMINGHAM (1) 1 (Francis) 21,884
 Bristol C: Shaw; Sweeney, Merrick, Gow, Rodgers, Hunter, Mann, Ritchie, Gillies, Cormack, Whitehead (Mabbutt).
 Birmingham: Montgomery; Calderwood, Pendrey, Towers, Gallagher, Howard, Page, Francis, Bertschin, Hibbitt (Broadhurst), Connolly.



Man, United defender Gordon McQueen had a fine game in United's 3-2 win at Leicester.

EVERTON (1) 2 (Latchford, McKenzie) 45,020
LEEDS (0) 0
 Everton: Wood; Jones, Pejic, Lyons, Daracott, Ross, King, Dobson, Latchford, McKenzie, Thomas.
 Leeds: Harvey; Madeley, Gray (F), Flynn, Hart, Cherry, Lorimer, Gray (E), Currie, Clarke (Hampton), Graham.

LEICESTER (1) 2 (Smith, Salmons) 20,299
MAN. UTD (1) 3 (Pearson, Hill, Greenhoff (J))
 Leicester: Wallington; Whitworth, Kember, Kelly, Williams, Webb, Weller, Hughes, Smith, Salmons, Goodwin.
 Man. U.: Stepney; Nicholl, Houston, McIlroy, McQueen, Greenhoff (B), Coppell, Greenhoff (J), Pearson, Macari, Hill.

MAN. CITY (1) 2 (Channon 2) 37,944
MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 2 (Cummins, Ashcroft)
 Man. C: Corrigan; Clements, Donachie, Booth, Watson, Owen, Channon, Bell, Kidd (Keegan), Power, Barnes.
 Middlesbrough: Platt; Craggs, Bailey, Mahoney, Boam, Ramage, Mills, Cummins, Ashcroft, McAndrew, Armstrong.

NORWICH (1) 1 (Reeves) 20,732
COVENTRY (0) 2 (Powell pen., Wallace)
 Norwich: Hansbury; Ryan, Sullivan, McGuire, Jones, Powell, Paddon, Reeves, Robson, Suggett, Peters (Bond).
 Coventry: Blyth; Roberts, McDonald, Beck, Holton, Osgood, Yorath, Wallace, Thompson, Powell, Hutchison.

NOTTM. FOREST (1) 2 (Robertson pen., Anderson) 35,552
NEWCASTLE (0) 0
 Nottm F: Shilton; Anderson (Bowyer), Clark, O'Hare, Needham, Burns, O'Neill, Gemmill, Withe, Woodcock, Robertson.
 Newcastle: Mahoney; Nattrass, Kennedy, Barton, Bird, Blackley, Barrowclough, Nulty, Mitchell, McGhee, Walker.

Q.P.R. (2) 3 (James, McGee 2) 15,563
IPSWICH (1) 3 (Wark, Burley, Mariner)
 Q.P.R.: Parkes; Clement, Gillard, Hollins, Howe, Cunningham, Shanks, Busby, James, Bowles, Givens (McGee).
 Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Mills, Talbot, Hunter, Beattie, Osborne, Wark, Mariner, Geddis, Woods.

WEST HAM (0) 3 (Cross, Green, Holland) 24,987
CHELSEA (1) 1 (Garner)
 West Ham: Ferguson; Bonds, Lampard, Curishley, Taylor (T), Green, Pike, Holland, Cross, Brookling, Robson.
 Chelsea: Phillips; Locke, Harris, Britton, Hay, Wicks, Finnieston, Swain, Garner (Langley), Lewington, Walker.

WOLVES (0) 1 (Patching) 27,531
LIVERPOOL (1) 3 (Case, Dalglish 2)
 Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Parkin, Daley, Hazell, McAlle, Patching, Carr, Richards, Rafferty, Kelly.
 Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Smith, Thompson, Kennedy, Hughes, Dalglish, Case, Heighway, McDermott, Johnson.

SECOND DIVISION

BOLTON (1) 2 (Reid, Jones (Pi)) 20,506
BLACKPOOL (0) 1 (Walsh pen.)
 Bolton: McDonagh; Jones (Pi), Dunne, Greaves, Walsh, Allardyce, Morgan, Whatmore, Train (Worthington), Reid, Gowing.
 Blackpool: Hesford; Gardner, Thompson, Ronson, McEwan, Suddaby, Ainscow, Wilson (Tong), Walsh, Chandler, Waldron.

BRIGHTON (1) 2 (O'Sullivan, Clark) 24,601
FULHAM (0) 0
 Brighton: Steele; Cattlin, Williams, Horton, Winstanley, Lawrenson, Towner, Ward, Maybank, Clark, O'Sullivan (Potts).
 Fulham: Peyton; Evans, Strong, Bullivant, Gale, Money, Greenaway, Mahoney, Mitchell, Evanson (Lovell), Margerrison.

BURNLEY (1) 4 (Cochrane 2, Kindon, Brennan) 13,391
OLDHAM (0) 1 (Wood pen.)
 Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Brennan, Noble, Rodaway, Thomson, Cochrane, Ingham, Fletcher, Kindon (Morley), Smith.
 Oldham: Platt; Wood, Holt, Blair, Hicks, Hurst, Valentine, Taylor, Young, Chapman, Gardner.

C. PALACE (0) 1 (Cannon) 13,428
BRISTOL R (0) 0
 Palace: Burridge; Hinshelwood (P), Sansom, Holder, Cannon, Gilbert, Fenwick (Hilaire), Swindlehurst, Walsh, Nicholas, Silkman.

Bristol R: Thomas; Aitken, Bater, Williams, Taylor, Prince, Hendrie, Pulis, Gould, Staniforth (Harding), Barry.

HULL (0) 1 (Bremner) 5,392
NOTTS CO (1) 1 (Vinter)
 Hull: Blackburn; Daniel, DeVries, Bremner, Dobson, Roberts, Haigh, Hawley, Warboys, Sunley (Nisbet), Lord.
 Notts Co: McManus; Richards, O'Brien, Chapman, Stubbs, Birchenall, Carter, McVay, Bradd, Hunt, Vinter (Sims).

MANSFIELD (2) 3 (Syrett 3) 12,106
TOTTENHAM (1) 3 (Jones, Hoddle 2, 1 pen)
 Mansfield: Arnold; Bird, Foster (B), Foster (C), Saxby, Wood, Sharkey, Martin, Syrett, Hodgson, Miller.
 Tottenham: Daines; Stead, Holmes, Hoddle, McAllister, Perryman, Pratt, McNab, Jones, Lee, Taylor.

MILLWALL (0) 1 (Mehmet) 5,943
CARDIFF (1) 1 (Bishop)
 Millwall: Johns; Donaldson, Moore, Walker, Kitchener, Hazell, Pearson, Seaman, Hamilton, Lee, Allen (Mehmet).
 Cardiff: Healey; Thomas, Pethard, Campbell, Pontin, Larmour, Grapes, Giles, Bishop, Went, Buchanan (Evans).

SHEFF. UTD. (3) 4 (Stainrod 2, Speight, Woodward) 12,587
LUTON (0) 1 (Calvert o.g.)
 Sheff. U.: Brown; Cutbush, Calvert, Speight, Franks, Flynn, Woodward, Keeley, Campbell, Stainrod, Hamson.
 Luton: Knight; Price, Carr, West, Jones, Fletcher (P), Stein, Hill, (McNichol), Fletcher (R), Fuccillo, Boersma.

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 4 (Williams 2, MacDougall, Funnell) 22,098
CHARLTON (1) 1 (Robinson)
 Southampton: Wells; Waldron, Andrzejewski, Williams, Nicholl, Pickering, Ball, Boyer, MacDougall, Holmes, Funnell.
 Charlton: Wood; Berry; Warman, Tydeman, Shipperley, Dugdale, Powell (Gritt), Robinson, Peacock, Brisley, McAuley.

STOKE (4) 5 (Kendall, Crooks, Gregory, Waddington 2) 14,595
ORIENT (0) 1 (Mayo)
 Stoke: Jones; Marsh, Scott, Kendall, Smith, Dodd, Waddington, Richardson, O'Callaghan, Crooks, Gregory.
 Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Rottey, Payne (Clarke), Hoadley, Roeder, Godfrey, Gray, Mayo, Kitchen, Grealish.

SUNDERLAND (0) 0
BLACKBURN (0) 1 (Brotherston) 16,900
 Sunderland: Siddall; Henderson, Bolton, Gilbert, Clarke, Ashurst, Kerr, Arnott (Rowell), Lee, Armstrong, Docherty.
 Blackburn: Butcher; Hird, Bailey, Metcalfe, Keeley, Round, Brotherston, Lewis, Radford, Parkes, Taylor.

THIRD DIVISION

CAMBRIDGE (0) 1 (Fallon) 5,896
PORTSMOUTH (0) 0
 Cambridge: Webster; Howard, Buckley, Stringer, Fallon, Watson, Sweetzer (Murray), Spriggs, Streete, Biley, Morgan.
 Portsmouth: Middleton; Wilson, Taylor, Ellis, Foster, Denyer, Pullar, Lathan, Garwood, Piper (S.), McCaffrey (Bernard).

COLCHESTER (0) 1 (Allinson) 3,661
BURY (0) 0
 Colchester: Walker; Cook, Wignall, Leslie, Packer, Williams, Foley, Gough, Evans (Dyer), Bunkell, Allinson.
 Bury: Forrest; Thomson, Kennedy, Hatton, Bailey, Wilson, Stanton, Suddick, Rowland, Robins, Darling (Madden).

GILLINGHAM 0
PETERBOROUGH 0 8,328
 Gillingham: Hillyard; Buttress, Armstrong, Overton, Young, Crabbe, Nicholl, Hughes, Price, Westwood, Richardson.
 Peterborough: Waugh; Hindley, Hughes, Doyle, Turner, Ross, Slough, McEwan, Butlin, Anderson, Robson.

HEREFORD (3) 4 (Stephens, Crompton 2, Davey) 4,436
EXETER (0) 0
 Hereford: Mellor; Price, Burrows, Cornes, Layton, Sheedy, Stephens, Marshall, Crompton, Davey, Emery.

Exeter: Key: Templeman, Hore, Delve, Hatch, Roberts (Weeks), Hodge, Kellow, Randall, Bowker, Holman.

OXFORD (1) 1 (Foley)
PORT VALE (0) 1 (Beamish) 3,883
Oxford: Burton; Kingston, Fogg, Briggs, Bodel, Jeffrey, Seacole (McGrogan), Taylor, Foley, Curran, Duncan.

Port Vale: Connaughton; Lumsden, Griffiths, Ridley, Harris, Hawkins, Chamberlain, Lamb, Froggatt (Beamish), Moore, Dulson.

PLYMOUTH (0) 0
SWINDON (1) 2 (Cunningham, Guthrie) 9,174
Plymouth: Barron; James, Uzzell, Megson, Foster, Horswill, Johnson, Taylor, Binney, Trusson, Fear.

Swindon: Allan; McLaughlin, Ford, Kamara, Carter, Prophet, Moss, Cunningham (Bates), Guthrie, McHale, Trollope.

PRESTON 0
CHESTERFIELD 0 10,922
Preston: Tunks; McMahon, Cameron, Burns, Baxter (Doyle), Cross, Coleman, Haslegrave, Thomson, Elwiss, Bruce.

Chesterfield: Letheran; Tarr, Burton, Chamberlain, Cottam, O'Neill, Cammack, Fern, Green (Simpson), Kowalski, Walker.

ROTHERHAM (1) 1 (Finney)
SHEFF. WED. (2) 2 (Johnson, Hornsby) 12,630
Rotherham: McAlister; Pugh, Breckin, Rhodes, Forrest, Green, Finney, Phillips, Gwyther, Goodfellow, Nix (Young).
Sheff. W: Bolder; Walden, Grant, Rushbury, Dowd, Mullen, Wyde, Hornsby, Tynan, Porterfield, Johnson.

SHREWSBURY 0
CHESTER 0 2,592
Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; King, Bowers, Turner, Griffin, Hayes, Irvine, Atkins, Lindsay, Loughnane, Maguire.
Chester: Lloyd; Nickeas, Raynor, Storton, Delgado, Oakes, Jones, Livermore, Crossley, Mellor, Phillips.

TRANMERE (2) 3 (Jones, Peplow, Moore)
LINCOLN (1) 1 (Cooper) 2,587
Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Parry, Philipotts, Evans, Peplow, Palios, Moore, Tynan, Allen.
Lincoln: Grotier; Guest, Laybourne, Neale, Wigginton, Cooper, Jones, Hubbard, Graham, Harford, Cockerill (Hoult).

WALSALL 0
CARLISLE 0 5,907
Walsall: Kearns; Macken, Caswell, Harrison, Serella, Evans, Dennehy, Bates, Austin, Buckley, King (Wood).
Carlisle: Swinburne; Carr, Collins, MacDonald, McCartney, Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman, Tait, Kemp, Hamilton.

WREXHAM (2) 2 (Shinton, Baines o.g.)
BRADFORD (0) 0 13,028
Wrexham: Niedzwiecki; Hill, Dwyer, Davis, Roberts, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, Lyons, Whittle, Griffiths.
Bradford: Downsborough; Podd, Wood (Spark), Johnson, Baines, Middleton, Watson, Dolan, McNiven, Wright, Hutchins.

FOURTH DIVISION

ALDERSHOT (0) 3 (Brodie, Dungworth 2, 1 pen)
SOUTHEND (0) 0 5,631
Aldershot: Johnson; Earls, Wooler, Dixon, Howitt, Crosby, Longhorn, Brodie, Bell, Dungworth, McGregor.

Southend: Freeman; Banks, Yates, Laverick, Townsend, Moody, Morris, Pountney, Parker, Abbott, Goodwin (Polycarpou).

BARNLEY (0) 2 (Joicey 2)
SOUTHPORT (1) 1 (O'Neil pen.) 5,052
Barnley: Springett; Murphy, Collins, Pugh, Saunders, McCarthy, Nixon, Joicey, Prendergast, Little, Millar.

Southport: Cumbe; Higham, Kisby, O'Neil, Brooks, Fisher, Hilton, Wilson, Howarth, Gay, Cooper.

DARLINGTON (1) 1 (Lyons)
HARTLEPOOL (1) 2 (Foggon, Houchen) 3,372
Darlington: Burleigh; Stone, Cochrane, Young, Craig, Hague, Maitland, Lyons, Jones, Seal, Wann.

Hartlepool: Richardson; Gibb, Downing, Creamer, Ayre, Smith (G), Gaffney, Linacre, Houchen, Foggon, Bielby.

DONCASTER (0) 0
WIMBLEDON (0) 2 (Bryant, Cork) 2,484
Doncaster: Peacock; Robinson, Hemsley, Laidlaw, Cannell, Taylor, Olney, Jones (Snodin), Owen, Bailey, Habbins.
Wimbledon: Goddard; Bryant, Bradley, Briley (Eames), Galvin, Donaldson, Leslie, Denny, Connell, Cork, Parsons.

GRIMSBY (0) 0
NORTHAMPTON (1) 1 (McGowan) 4,835
Grimsby: Wainman; Mawer, Booth, Waters, Barker, Hanvey, Partridge (Drinkell), Liddell, Donovan, Ford, Broly.

Northampton: Jayes; Geidmintis, Mead, Best, Robertson, Bryant, Farrington (Martin), Liddle, McGowan, Reilly, Christie.

HUDDERSFIELD (2) 3 (Gray, Butler, Holmes)
CREWE (0) 0 4,500
Huddersfield: Starling; Brown, Sandercock, Holmes, Sutton, Branagan, Butler, Hart, Goldthorpe, Johnson, Gray.

Crewe: Crudgington; Cheetham, Rimmer, Lugg, Bowles, Bevan, Davies (D), McGinley, Coyne, Davies (W) (Spence), Purdie.

NEWPORT (0) 1 (Goddard)
BRENTFORD (0) 2 (Graham, McCulloch) 4,953
Newport: Turner; Byrne, Relish, Emanuel, Walker (R), McLaughlin, Aizlewood, Goddard, Clark, Guscott, Williams.

Brentford: Bond; Allen, Tucker, Shrubbs, Kruse, Lloyd, Carlton, Murray (Graham), Allder, McCulloch, Phillips.

STOCKPORT (0) 1 (Fletcher)
HALIFAX (1) 3 (Bell 2, Mountford) 2,168
Stockport: Rogan (Lawler); Smith, Rutter, Thompson, Fogarty, Massey, Jackson, Halford, Fletcher, Park, Howard.

Halifax: Leonard; Trainer, Bradley, Smith, Burke, Dunleavy, Johnston, Bell, Mountford, Lawson, Firth.

SWANSEA (0) 1 (Moore)
BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0 7,500
Swansea: Barber; Evans, Morris, Bruton, May, Bartley (Conway), Chappell, Charles, Curtis, Toshack, Moore.

Bournemouth: Baker; Butler, Miller, Impey, Brown, Riley, Johnson (Paterson), Showers, Finnigan, Shanahan, Lennard.

WATFORD (1) 1 (Garner)
TORQUAY (0) 0 10,941
Watford: Rankin; Bolton, Pritchett, Booth, Ellis, Garner, Downes, Joslyn, Jenkins, Mayes, Pollard.

Torquay: Wake; Twitchin, Parsons, Raper, Green, Darke, Tomlin (Dunne), Boulton, Lawrence, Brown, Coffill.

Postponed: Rochdale v Reading

SCOTTISH PREMIER

ABERDEEN (2) 4 (Davidson, Archibald, Jarvie 2)
AYR (0) 1 (Masterton) 11,000

Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, Ritchie, McMaster, Garner, Miller, Strachan (Sullivan), Archibald, Harper, Jarvie, Davidson.

Ayr: Sproat; Wells, Simm (McLaughlin), Tait, Fleming, Kelly, McCall, McSherry, Masterton, Cramond, McCulloch.



Draw Jarvie scored twice in his side's 4-1 victory against Ayr United.

CELTIC (2) 2 (Glavin, McDonald)
RANGERS (0) 0 50,000
Celtic: Latchford; Sneddon, Lynch, Aitken, McDonald, Dowie, Glavin, Edvaldsson, McAdam, Burns, Doyle.

Rangers: Kennedy; Jardine, Greig, Forsyth, Jackson, MacDonald, McLean, Russell (Miller), Johnstone, Smith, Cooper (Parlane).

HIBS (2) 3 (Higgins 2, McLeod)
DUNDEE U (1) 1 (Payne) 8,354
Hibs: McDonald; Brownlie, Smith, McNamara, Stewart, Bremner, Murray, McLeod, Hutchinson, Duncan, Higgins.

Dundee U: McAlpine; Rennie, Kopel, Fleming, Hegarty, Narey, Sturrock (Wallace), Addison (Kirkwood), Bourke, Holt, Payne.

PARTICK 0
CLYDEBANK 0 3,000
Partick: Rough; Mackie, Whittaker, Gibson, McAdam (Marri), Anderson, Houston, O'Hara, Melrose, Somner, Craig (McQuade).

Clydebank: Gallacher; Gourlay, Abel, Fallon, McCormack, Houston, O'Brien, McColl, Miller, Lumsden, Ronald.

ST. MIRREN (0) 1 (McGarvey)
MOTHERWELL (1) 1 (Clinging) 6,500
St. Mirren: McCulloch; Beck (Hyslop), Munro, Fitzpatrick, Reid, Dunlop, Abercrombie, Stark (Young), Bone, Richardson, McGarvey.

Motherwell: Rennie; Watson, Wark, McLeod (Kennedy), McVie, Stevens, Marinello, Pettigrew, Clinging (Purdie), Davidson, Mungall.

MONDAY, MARCH 27

FIRST DIVISION

CHELSEA 0
ARSENAL 0 40,764
Chelsea: Bonetti; Locke, Harris, Britton, Droy, Wicks, Finnieston, Swain, Langley, Lewington, Hay.

Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Price, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Rix, Macdonald, Stapleton, Hudson.

DERBY (1) 2 (George, Daly)
Q.P.R. (0) 0 20,155
Derby: Middleton; Langan, Buckley, Riach, McFarland, Todd, Curran, Daly, Powell, George, Ryan.

Q.P.R.: Parkes; Clement, Gillard, Hollins, Howe, Cunningham, Shanks, Busby, James, Bowles, McGee (Wallace).

IPSWICH (2) 4 (Talbot 2, Geddis, Mills)
NORWICH (0) 0 29,930
Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Mills, Talbot, Hunter, Beattie, Osborne (Lambert), Wark, Mariner, Geddis, Woods.

Norwich: Hansbury; Ryan, Sullivan, McGuire (Suggett), Jones, Powell, Neighbour, Downes, Paddon, Reeves, Robson.

LEEDS (1) 2 (Graham, Hankin)
WOLVES (1) 1 (Daley) 24,440
Leeds: Harvey; Madeley, Gray (F), Flynn, Hart, Cherry, Lorimer, Hankin, Currie, Gray (E), Graham.

Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Parkin, Daley, Hazell, McAlle, Patching, Carr, Bell, Rafferty (Brazier), Daley.

MAN. UTD. (0) 1 (Hill pen.)
EVERTON (1) 2 (Latchford 2) 55,317
Man. U: Stepany; Nicholl, Albiston, McKillop, McQueen, Greenhoff (B), Coppell, Greenhoff (J), Pearson, Macari, Hill.

Everton: Wood; Darracott (Pearson), Pejic, Lyons, Jones, Ross, King, Dobson, Latchford, McKenzie, Thomas.

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0
LEICESTER (0) 1 (Hughes) 15,534
Middlesbrough: Brown; Craggs, Bailey, Mahoney, Boam, Ramage, Mills, Cummins, Ashcroft (Johnson), McAndrew, Armstrong.

Leicester: Wallington; Whitworth, Kember, Kelly, Williams, Webb, Weller, Hughes, Smith, Salmons, Goodwin.

W.B.A. (0) 2 (Brown, T., Johnston)
BRISTOL C (1) 1 (Hunter) 23,898
W.B.A.: Godden; Mulligan, Statham, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson, Martin, Cunningham, Regis, Treweek, Johnston.

Bristol C: Shaw; Gillies, Merrick, Gow, Rodgers, Hunter, Tainton, Ritchie, Royle (Mabbutt), Cormack, Mann.

SECOND DIVISION

BLACKBURN (0) 0
BURNLEY (1) 1 (Cochrane) 24,379
Blackburn: Butcher; Hird, Bailey, Metcalf, Keeley, Round, Brotherton, Taylor, Radford (Wagstaffe), Parkes, Lewis.

Burnley: Stevenson; Scott, Brennan, Noble, Thomson, Rodaway, Cochrane, Ingham, Fletcher, Kindon, Smith.

BLACKPOOL (0) 1 (Tong)
SUNDERLAND (0) 1 (Docherty) 9,872
Blackpool: Hesford; Gardner, Thompson, Ronson, McEwan, Suddaby, Tong, Chandler, Hatton, Ainscow, Waldron (Groves).
Sunderland: Siddall; Henderson, Bolton, Kerr, Clarke, Ashurst, Armstrong, Gilbert, Lee, Docherty, Brown.

FULHAM (0) 0
MANSFIELD (1) 2 (Foster C, Syrett) 7,088
Fulham: Peyton; Evans, Strong, Bullivant, Money, Gale, Mahoney, Lovell (Davies), Mitchell, Evanson, Margerrison.

Mansfield: Arnold; Bird, Foster (B), Foster (C), Saxby, Wood, Sharkey, Martin (Goodwin), Syrett, Hodgson, Miller.

LUTON (0) 1 (Fuccillo pen.)
C. PALACE (0) 0 9,816
Luton: Knight; Price, Carr, McNichol, Jones, Fletcher (P), Stein, West, Fletcher (R), Fuccillo, Boersma.

C. Palace: Burrage; Hinchelwood (P), Sansom, Chatterton, Cannon, Boyle, Hilaire, Holder, Swindlehurst, Walsh, Silkman (Murphy).

NOTTS CO (1) 1 (Vinter)
BOLTON (1) 1 (Whatmore) 15,718
Notts Co: McManus; Richards, O'Brien, Chapman, Stubbs (Sims), Birchenall, Carter, Hunt, Bradd, McVay, Vinter.

Bolton: McDonagh; Jones (P), Dunne, Greaves, Walsh, Allardyce, Morgan, Whatmore, Gowing, Reid, Worthington.

OLDHAM (0) 2 (Dobson o.g., Valentine)
HULL (0) 1 (Bremner) 6,810
Oldham: Platt; Hoolickin (Heaton), Wood, Bell, Holt, Hurst, Valentine, Taylor, Young, Gardner, Hilton.

Hull: Blackburn; Dobson, DeVries, Bremner, Croft, Roberts, Nisbet, Lord, Warboys, Hawley, Haigh.

ORIENT (1) 3 (Kitchen 3, 1 pen.)
SHEFF. UTD (1) 1 (Campbell) 6,725
Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Roffey, Grealish, Hoadley, Roeder, Godfrey, Gray, Mayo, Kitchen, Clarke.

Sheff. U: Brown; Cutbush, Calvert, Speight, Franks, Flynn, Woodward, Keeley (Edwards), Campbell, Hamson, Stainrod.

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 3 (Boyer 2, MacDougall)
BRISTOL R (0) 1 (Williams) 24,826
Southampton: Wells; Andruszewski, Waldron, Williams, Nicholl, Pickering, Ball, Boyer, MacDougall, Holmes, Funnell.

Bristol R: Thomas; Aitken, Bater, Day, Taylor, Prince, Barry (Hendrie), Pujis, Gould, White, Williams.

TOTTENHAM (2) 3 (Jones 2, Hoddle)
MILLWALL (2) 3 (Lee, Pearson, Hamilton) 33,074
Tottenham: Daines; Armstrong, Holmes, Hoddle, McAllister, Perryman, Pratt, McNab, Jones, Lee, Taylor.

Millwall: Johns; Donaldson, Moore, Mehmet (Allen), Tagg, Hazell, Lee, Hamilton, Seaman, Pearson, Walker.

THIRD DIVISION

BRADFORD C (1) 2 (McNiven 2)
SHREWSBURY (0) 0 4,341
Bradford C: Downsborough; Podd, Spark, Johnson, Baines, Middleton, Watson, Dolan, Wright, McNiven, Hutchins.

Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; King, Bowers, Turner, Griffin, Hayes, Irvine, Moore, Atkins, Loughnane, Maguire.

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What surprised Glenn Hoddle about life in Division Two

Glenn Hoddle celebrates Don McAllister's goal that beat Bolton 1-0.



WHAT'S pleased Glenn Hoddle about this year more than anything else? Of course, being in the top three of the Second Division and pushing for promotion has given him a great deal of satisfaction.

But Hoddle is particularly pleased at two things. It's not the fact that England Under-21 honours came along — and trips abroad. It's not the thought that Spurs could once more be entertaining and facing the best teams in the land.

Both things please Hoddle tremendously. But he believes his own two "new assets" are the best things to pick from his own personal season.

Hoddle says: "It may sound a bit unspectacular and boring but I have been delighted with my consistency and also my goals."

"Just before the end of the season, I counted up in the middle of April and realised I'd scored 13. I'm ever so pleased with that because

last year I got just five goals all season, which was a pretty miserable return."

What's made the difference in the goalscoring stakes for Hoddle this season? "It's really all down to the fact I've been getting into the penalty-area far more than ever before," he says. "I don't think it's really been a conscious thing — I certainly didn't set out at the start of the season just to get more goals."

"But things have just worked out that way in that I've been in positions further forward far more often throughout this season. I'd scored 13 by April and could have had at least half as many again with a little bit more luck or straighter shooting. That's really some indication of the way I've been getting forward throughout this season."

Hoddle says life in Division Two wasn't as difficult as Spurs feared once they knew they had lost their First Division status.

"People said you had to kick your way out of the Second, but we didn't find that at all."

"We have had the time to play some football. Certainly it's hard to get promotion, but I've seen a lot of good footballing teams."

"Perhaps the bottom half of the Division wouldn't survive in the First, but I think perhaps a dozen teams at the top of the Second would. I'm thinking of Spurs, Bolton and Southampton plus others like Brighton, Blackburn, Blackpool and Oldham. They are not bad sides at all and I think they could hold their own in the higher company."

"Let's face it, the teams in the lower half of the First can barely survive so I don't see why the top clusters in Division Two shouldn't be able to do just as well."

The future is a bright one for Spurs, according to Hoddle. He looks ahead to the future and says confidently: "I can see no reason why, within the next two or three years, we should not be in the top six teams in the country."

"We have some superb young players now and it's mainly a young side that can only get better. Manager Keith Burkinshaw is sure to try and buy a couple of new players during the summer and that will just add that extra little bit of strength and cover in the squad overall."

"I want nothing other than success with Spurs. If we can get back to being a really top class side within a few years, I'll be delighted. Anything other than that for me personally, will be a bonus."

THERE was definitely more than a hint of history repeating itself, when Alan Gowling joined Bolton Wanderers from Newcastle United, in a £120,000 deal which just beat the March transfer deadline.

And Alan was quick to recognise the similarities with a previous move he'd made some six years earlier.

"There I was, leaving a First Division club for an ambitious Second Division outfit, just as I'd done in 1972, when I signed for Huddersfield Town from Manchester United," he explained.

"And, amazingly, the man I was signing on the dotted line for, Bolton manager Ian Greaves, was the self-same man who'd been in charge at Huddersfield when I'd joined them."

But Alan was convinced that's

Why Alan Gowling chose to tempt fate a second time

where the coincidence would end.

"At that time Huddersfield were attempting to win back their place in Division One, and they bought me to help them achieve that aim."

"Sadly, our fortunes went in completely the opposite direction, as we suffered a nightmarish plunge which took us all the way down to Division Four."

"Bolton, too, were bidding for First Division status. And also wanted me to lend a hand. But

whereas Huddersfield failed, I was convinced The Trotters would succeed."

"Some people might question the wisdom of my decision to tempt fate a second time. I'd decided beforehand that this could be my last move. So I wanted to be absolutely sure that whatever decision I made, would be the right one."

"I have great respect for Ian Greaves as a manager. He, in fact, was the man who transformed me from a midfielder player to a striker while we were together at Huddersfield. I think my goalscoring record since then shows just how successful that switch was. If anything, he appears to have become a more relaxed manager now. He's still as determined as ever to succeed, though."

"Off the park, I have business interests in Lancashire and Yorkshire, and a move to Bolton meant that I would be in much closer contact with them."

"Also, it happens to be my wife's home town — and we have a number of friends, and family ties in the area."

"So, you see, everything pointed to me saying 'yes'."

Gowling had joined Newcastle in 1975, and his link-up with Mal-

colm Macdonald brought him 30 goals in his first term with the Geordies.

And in the 1976-77 season, even without Supremacy, who'd subsequently joined Arsenal, Alan played an important part in The Magpies finishing up with fifth position in the First Division. With the promise to the North-East of better things to come.

Unfortunately, this season, everything turned sour.

"There were an awful lot of things going on behind the scenes at the club that myself and several other members of the playing staff didn't agree with. And we came out and said so," Alan admitted.

'Best Interests'

"That led to a clash of personalities, and in the end I decided it was in my own best interests to get away."

"On top of that, I've had more than my fair share of injuries just recently. I was out for long spells with torn shoulder muscles, and I also had my leg in plaster for several weeks."

The 64-thousand dollar question now, of course, is how would Wanderers fare in the senior Division?

"If I knew that, I wouldn't be in football at all. I'd be making a packet as a fortune teller," joked Gowling.

"All I can say is, that in Cup matches against First Division opposition over recent years, the club have shown that they can give a good account of themselves. And there's no reason whatsoever why we shouldn't carry on the good work."

Blackpool goalkeeper Iain Hesford blocks a shot from Bolton's Alan Gowling.



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WEIGHT: 11st

PREVIOUS CLUBS: St. Roch's Juniors and Clyde

MARRIED: Engaged

CAR: Marina

FAVOURITE PLAYER: Kevin Keegan

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Currently Ipswich

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT:

Taxman

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: The Scottish League Cup Final against Celtic, 1976-77

BIGGEST THRILL: Turning full-time professional

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not turning full-time early in career

BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Canada

FAVOURITE FOOD: Lasagne and Curries

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Cars, horses, swimming, snooker and badminton

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES:

Untidiness

FAVOURITE T.V. SHOWS: Happy Days and The Muppet Show

FAVOURITE SINGERS: Wings, Gladys

Knight and Stevie Wonder

FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS:

Charles Bronson and Susan George

BEST FRIEND: Lots and don't want to lose any

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:

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Scotland's NUMBER ONE problem

ALLY MACLEOD has taken some stern criticism from several quarters over his World Cup squad of 40. It seems every manager in Scotland and England wants to give advice to the Scottish boss. Everyone seems to have a favourite player who has been overlooked.

However, it is in the goalkeeper's position MacLeod has been blasted most. He has already gone on record as saying Alan Rough, the current number one, is "the best in the world."

That statement raised more than a few eyebrows and so did MacLeod's other four selections: Jim Stewart (Kilmarnock), Davie Stewart (Leeds United), Bobby Clark (Aberdeen) and Jim Blyth (Coventry City).

First to go out was Leeds United's David Harvey, the man who was in charge of the Scottish goal during the World Cup Finals in West Germany four years ago.

He made the logical point that he — and NOT Davie Stewart — was the first team choice at Elland Road. Harvey thought that if anyone from Leeds was going to keep goal in Argentina it would be him.

People tended to agree with Harvey, saying Stewart was a nostalgic choice. It was MacLeod, of course, as manager of Ayr United, who introduced Stewart to senior soccer when he signed him from junior club Kilwinning Rangers.

MacLeod, though, insists he was very impressed by Stewart when he made his international debut in Berlin against East Germany this season. By all accounts he played superbly although Scotland went down 1-0. His display also included a brilliant penalty-kick save.

Another critic of MacLeod's choice of goalkeepers is Everton's Anglo George Wood, bought from Blackpool earlier this term. MacLeod watched Wood in action several times, but wasn't too impressed.

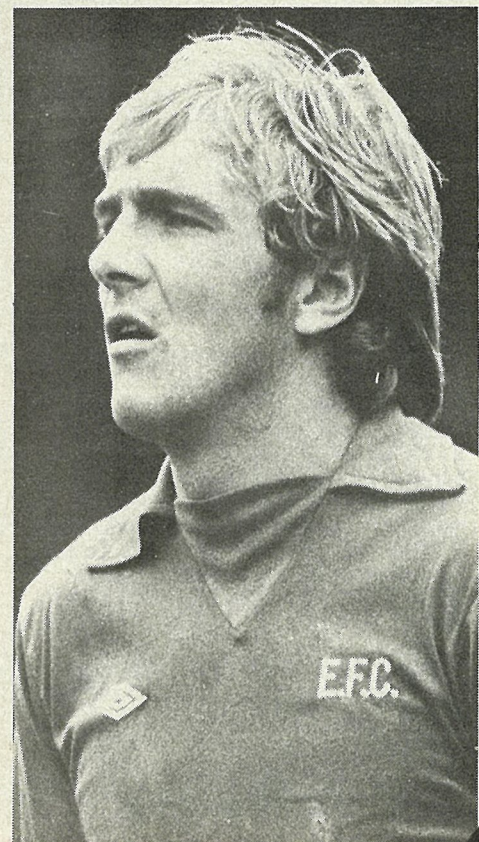
Wood, though, believes he should have been included in the pool. He says: "I was going through a terrible patch when Ally



ABOVE:
Coventry City's Jim Blyth, who made his Scotland debut against Bulgaria earlier this year.

LEFT:
Alan Rough... "the best in the world," according to MacLeod.

RIGHT:
On the outside looking in — Everton's George Wood. The big 'keeper had a stinker when MacLeod saw him against Newcastle.



Ironically, another boss who always seems too willing and ready to tell Ally MacLeod what to do is Tommy Docherty and he, too, presses Wood's claim.

Wood turned in a magical performance against Docherty's Derby when Everton beat them 2-1 at Goodison and afterwards the former Scottish manager said: "If that goalkeeper had turned in displays like that when Ally MacLeod watched him he would be going to Argentina, no doubt about it."

On the same day Wood was halting just about everything Derby threw at him, Alan Rough was having a hesitant time of it against Hibs at Easter Road. Thistle lost 3-1 and Rough must shoulder some of the blame for that defeat.

Cleanly

He stayed rooted to the spot when a cross came over from the left-wing and Bobby Hutchison headed cleanly into the net. The second goal will haunt the big Firhill personality.

Arthur Duncan let one go from 30 yards and Rough looked dreadfully slow in going down for the ball and it swept past him low into the net as he beat the turf in frustration. He was left helpless when another long-range effort, this time from Ally MacLeod, eluded his grasp for the third goal.

So, the controversy has started again. Harvey and Wood have their supporters while Rough, both Stewarts, Blyth and Clark have their detractors. Ally MacLeod knows all about the stresses and strains of the World Cup. People, though, still feel the goalkeeper's position is the one that could let Scotland down in Argentina...

'FOURTH TIME UNLUCKY FOR THE DONS'

WHEN Rangers play Aberdeen in the Scottish Cup Final on Saturday, May 6th, it will be the SEVENTH time we have met them this season. We are all on first name terms by now!

It's going to be a cracking match ... there can be absolutely no doubt about it. Our record against Billy McNeill's Dons hasn't been that impressive.

The first game was the opening League match of the season and we went down 3-1. We got revenge for that with an identical victory in a League match at Ibrox.

We hammered them 6-1 in the first-leg of our League Cup-tie in Glasgow and although they won 3-1 at Pittodrie we went through on a 7-4 aggregate. And, of course, we took that trophy to Ibrox by beating old foes Celtic in the Final.

In our next match we lost 4-0 on their ground and again we lost when they came to Ibrox in the last League match. This time they won 3-0. Two very impressive victories, I must say.

So, the form points to this Cup showdown as being one of the best games of the season. We have scored 11 goals against them and they have replied with 15.

Aberdeen have given us a lot of trouble this season and obviously they are a very fair side. It's difficult to see a weakness in a team that fights and works for each other.

Bobby Clark is having a great season in goal and right-back Stuart Kennedy looks almost certain to make the trip to Argentina along with our own Sandy Jardine.

Stevie Ritchie, a £10,000 buy from Hereford recently, has slotted into the side like he has been playing there all his life. John McMaster,



Drew Jarvie and Dom Sullivan have been doing well in midfield while Willie Garner and Willie Miller are a solid rock in the heart of their defence.

They've got a lot going up-front, too. I don't have to say much about Joe Harper, do I? He thrives on games against us and Celtic and his goal record speaks for itself.

Duncan Davidson does a lot of hard work, but The Dons, of

course, will be without Stevie Archibald, who is Cup-tied with his former side Clyde. Archibald hit two goals against us during Aberdeen's 3-0 victory.

Ian Fleming took his place in the Semi-Final match against Partick Thistle, showing the sort of strength-in-depth The Dons have by hitting a hat-trick in their 4-2 victory.

Gordon Strachan, too, is a fair player. You just have to admire his close control.

With players like that around it is not going to be easy for us to lift the Cup for the second time in three years, but Aberdeen know we have men who can rise to the occasion.

I'm talking about lads such as Derek Johnstone, Gordon Smith, Alex MacDonald, Tommy McLean, Davie Cooper ... and John Greig!

I enjoyed our Semi against Dundee United immensely. We won 2-0 and I hit our second goal and was told even Pele at his best couldn't have put it away better!

Tommy McLean swung over a free-kick from the right, I got in behind the defence, tamed it on my chest and then sidefooted it high into the net all in one movement. Aberdeen, you have been warned.

My forecast? We have lost our last three matches — in the League — against Aberdeen and I just cannot see them adding a fourth win on Saturday. I wonder which side last beat us four times in succession. I bet you'll have to get the history books out to find an answer to that one.

It must be fourth time unlucky for The Dons.

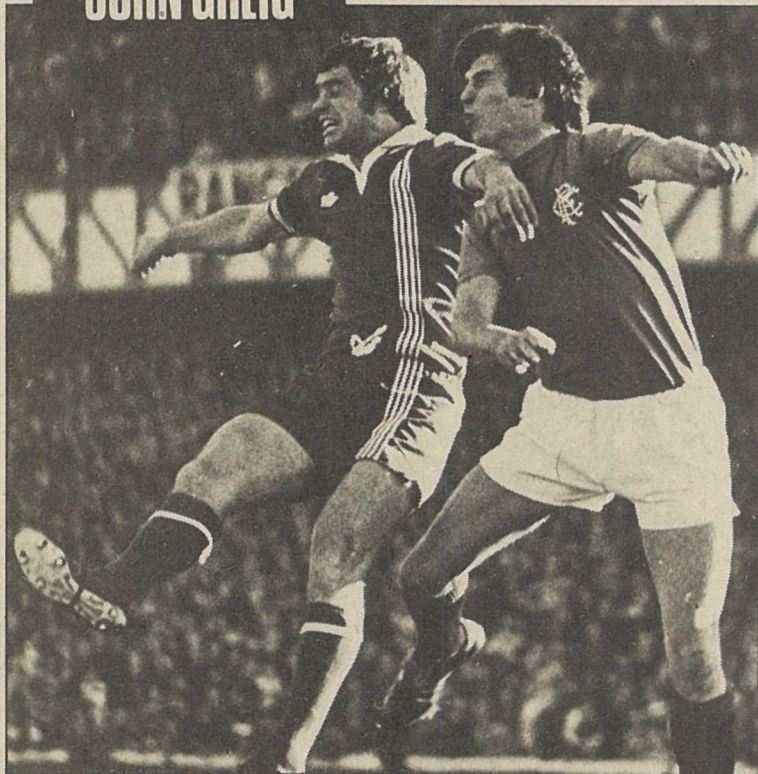
Anyway, we know we have a tough match on our hands, but we are all looking forward to the big occasion. Cup Finals have a magic and a glamour all of their own. This game should live up to expectations.

Rangers can win it, possibly by the odd goal. Wait and see if I'm right ...

John Greig

Tartan Talk

JOHN GREIG



Rangers' Tom Forsyth (right) and Ian Fleming of Aberdeen clash during a League game at Ibrox which The Gers won 3-1.

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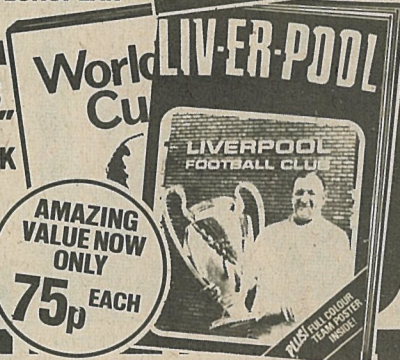
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WITH the World Cup Finals just five weeks away, the guessing games regarding Ally MacLeod's final squad of 22 for Argentina are really hotting up. Just about every Scotland fan and sportswriter is predicting who will make the trip — but nobody should assume Andy Gray will be in the final selection.

I know these people mean well, but I've been a little annoyed and embarrassed at the way it's been taken for granted in some circles that I'll be a Scotland World Cup player. I certainly haven't ever considered myself a certainty — right now I'm one of the 40 and nothing more. I have hopes and ambitions, of course — I want nothing more than to help my country become World Champions.

Yet it's rebounded on me in some ways that my name has been banded around so much. The fact is that I've never played under Ally MacLeod, so he doesn't know what I can do for him.

I'm sure Mr. MacLeod is fed up with people throwing the name of Andy Gray at him — I can do without it, however well-meaning the Pressmen or fans may be.

If I'm named in the 22 for the



"A goal against West Ham at Upton Park . . . I've been happy with my goal-return this season."



months had been spread out over my career!

Even so, I'm happy with my overall contribution this term. As a striker I'm judged by goals, and my average has been a goal every other game. Taking into account I've never really had the chance to get going, that average pleases me.

My knocks have only been minor — nothing long-term. The worst was torn knee ligaments, but my knee is, if anything, stronger than before as I've worked on it so much. In terms of fitness, I have no problems at all.

At the beginning of the season I said in SHOOT that I wanted to beat last season's total of 29 goals. Unfortunately, I didn't have the chance to do this; as I write my total is 19 and what has satisfied me is that these goals have been scored against many teams rather than in twos or threes.

My confidence is still as high as ever. If anything, events of the past campaign have made me more determined to do well.

I don't like looking at the goal charts and seeing Bob Latchford and Trevor Francis leading the way. I always want to be up there setting the pace and given better luck next season I'll be doing just that.

My attitude towards goalscoring has changed in one respect. Previously, I used to be very disappointed if I didn't score in every match. Now, if I've laid on the winner for a team-mate that makes up for not scoring myself ... almost!

As I expected, I've been marked much more tightly by defences this season. This has made me think a lot deeper about my game and the players I have to face ... their strengths and weaknesses.

I shall always remember the advice given to me by my Dundee United manager Jim McLean. He said: "Never be satisfied with what you've done."

I had a marvellous season in 1976/77, topping the goal list, help-

ing Villa to win the League Cup, winning the two P.F.A. awards and SHOOT'S Most Exciting Player trophy.

All that in no way quelled my appetite for more goals and more success. At 22, I hope I can look forward to further honours.

So, too, can Alex Cropley, the Villa midfielder-man who has had complications with the leg he broke against West Brom earlier this season.

I know Alex well, he lives just a few minutes from me, so we often pop in to see each other. Apparently, Alex won't play again for about another year, and when this was announced he said he may as well give up the game and start a business.

Personally, I think Alex will fight back to fitness and show his skills again. When he talked about retirement, he'd just heard the news and was understandably feeling low.

Alex is still only about 27 and I rate him as one of the best midfield players in the League. Before his injury he was Villa's most consistent player and we've missed his tackling, vision, and ability to split a defence with a 50-yard pass.

This isn't the first time Alex has suffered a broken leg. He's come back before and I'm sure he can do it again.

Disappointed

Overall, it hasn't been a particularly good season for Villa, apart from our run in the U.E.F.A. Cup.

We had a good run in Europe before going out to Barcelona in two exciting ties.

Nobody is more disappointed than the players, especially after doing so well the previous campaign.

Having said that, the attitude of some of our fans has not been what I would have hoped. Perhaps they were carried away by 1976/77, but this season they quickly became impatient and didn't give us the sort of backing they had over the previous year.

Injuries have hit us badly this term — I don't think Ron Saunders has been able to field an unchanged side more than two or three times. With a full squad of fit players I'm sure we can put up a better showing next season. We've made mistakes this season, yet I think we've learnt from them.

In a two-team city comparisons are inevitable. Villa and Birmingham will finish up in roughly the same position. To Blues this is success — to us it's failure ...

Join me again in a fortnight when I'll be talking about the British Championship.

Alex Cropley



"Alex Cropley is stretchered off against West Brom."

Finals I'll be thrilled. Until then, I'm playing the whole thing very coolly.

A few weeks ago SHOOT wanted to take a special picture of me in an Argentina '78 shirt. I refused point blank. I've done nothing to warrant putting on such a shirt because it's been about 18 months since I last played for Scotland.

My attitude all along has been to do as well as possible for Aston Villa and hope that Ally MacLeod thinks I can be of use to him in Argentina.

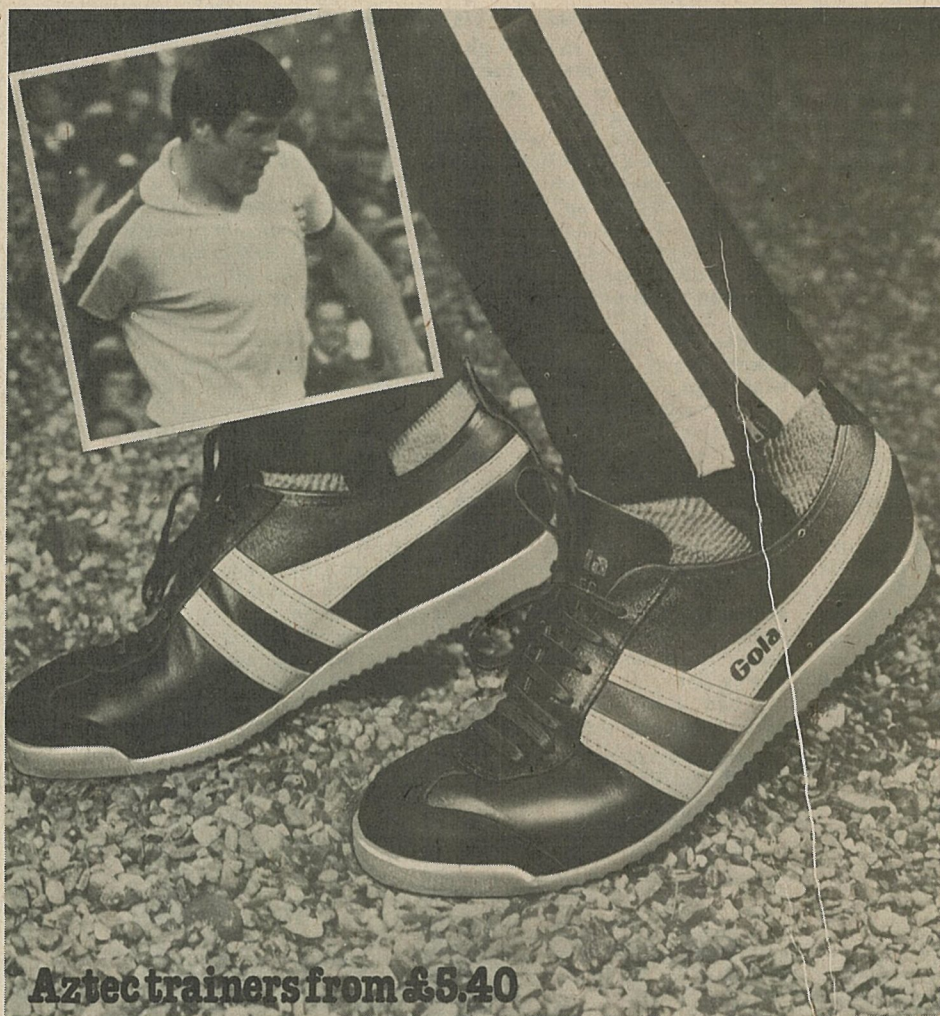
The Press can hinder a player by continually putting him forward. In the end their well-meaning help can backfire on the player.

I know some people have whispered that Andy Gray is injury-prone. Yes, I have had my share of knocks this season — but injury-prone? Just look at my overall record.

In my five years as a professional I've missed very few games. With Dundee United my only real absence was when I had a cartilage operation. That's so long ago I've forgotten about it.

Since I came down to Villa, I'd missed just eight League games in two seasons before 1977/78. Not bad for someone who's constantly a target for defenders!

I wish all the niggling injuries I've had over the past eight or nine



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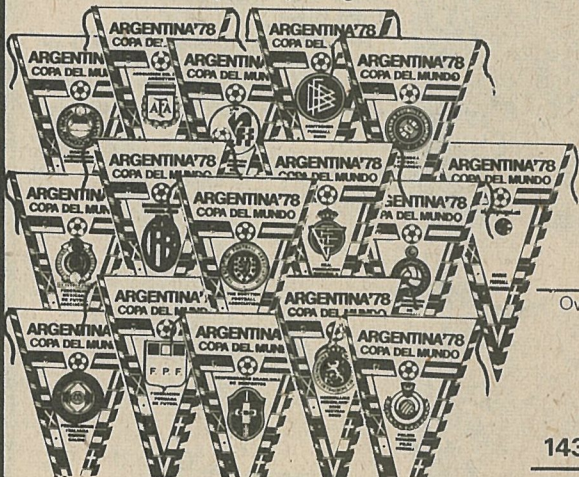
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TAKE A BREAK—IT'S QUIZ TIME

1. Can you name the Queens Park Rangers player who recently hit the headlines when he stated if Q.P.R. are relegated from the First Division this season he won't be playing for them next term?

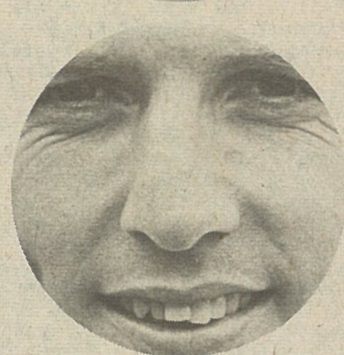
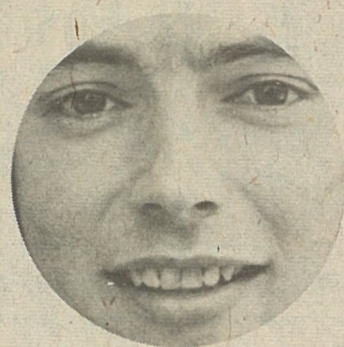
2. The Scotland World Cup squad have produced a record with which famous pop star and football fanatic?

3. The players listed have scored goals regularly this season in either the Football League or Scottish League. Which clubs do they play for? (a) Ian Wallace, (b) Gordon Smith, (c) Andy McCulloch, (d) Paul Randall and (e) Alex O'Hara.

4. Managers Jimmy Adamson (Sunderland), Bob Paisley (Liverpool), Danny Williams (Swindon Town) and Jimmy Armfield (Leeds United) are also former League players. Do you know which of them played for (a) Blackpool, (b) Burnley, (c) Liverpool and (d) Rotherham?

5. The Scottish Premier Division came into being prior to the 1973-74, 1974-75, 1975-76 season?

6. True or false? (a) Before joining Bolton Wanderers, Alan Gowling played for Manchester United, Huddersfield Town and Newcastle United. (b) Scottish club Alloa are known as The Wasps. (c) York City play their home games at Bootham Road.



7. Our artist has cropped the photographs of these players so you can just see their eyes, mouths and noses. Can you identify them by the following clues? (a) Above: He only lasted the first eight minutes of an F.A. Cup Semi-Final. After scoring he went off with concussion. (b) Above, right: He played in England for Arsenal and Portsmouth before returning home to Scotland. (c) Right: One of two surviving members of England's 1966 World Cup-winning side still playing League football.

8. Who said the following quotes that appeared in SHOOT, issue dated April 22nd?

(a) "I can't see any dark horses coming through. I go for a tournament dominated by Brazil, West Germany, Argentina and ourselves. I'll be surprised if anyone else emerges to do anything really significant."

(b) "I've always known Peter is the number one 'keeper at the club and he has been a great help to me. He gave me coaching sessions before the game against Liverpool."

(c) "Taking it all round, I've enjoyed my career as a one-club man even though you realise what some players have made by moving."

9. Rearrange the jumbled letters to find the name of a top midfield player and his club... VTEES LSMWALII (MNOTAUOPTSH).

10. Second Division Orient have been known by two previous names... do you know them?

11. England Under-21 beat Italy Under-21 2-1 on aggregate, in the recent U.E.F.A. Championship. Who scored England's two goals?

12. Trevor Francis (left) scored six, seven or eight goals in manager Jim Smith's first seven games in charge at Birmingham City?

13. Where did Aston Villa's Tommy Craig (above, left) begin his League career?

14. Peterborough, Leeds United, Celtic, Wolves, Liverpool, Airdrie, Oldham Athletic, Middlesbrough and Dundee all won honours during the 1973-74 season. Which club won (a) the First Division Championship, (b) Scottish League Cup, (c) F.A. Cup and (d) the Third Division title?

15. Which West Ham youngster, playing his first full League game, helped his side gain two precious points against Leeds United at Elland Road by scoring and being voted man-of-the-match?

ANSWERS:

1. Stan Bowles. 2. Rod Stewart. 3. Bobby Williams. 4. Jimmy Adamson. 5. 1975-76. 6. (a) True, (b) False — they play at Bootham Crescent. 7. (a) Brian Talbot (Liverpool), (b) Motherwell's Peter Martinello. 8. (a) Willie Donachie, (b) Forest's Chris Woods, (c) Sunderland's Bobby Kerr. 9. Steve Williams (Southampton). 10. Clapton Orient and Leyton Orient. 11. Tony Woodcock. 12. Eight goals in seven games. 13. Aberdeen. 14. (a) Leeds United, (b) Dundee, (c) Liverpool, (d) Oldham Athletic. 15. Alvin Martin.

GO FOR THE DOUBLE ANSWERS

ACROSS:— (1) Elland. (4) An. (6) Ox. (7) Rise. (9) Relax. (10) Lepso. (11) Toss. (12) Be. (13) Highway. (15) Err. (17) It. (18) Arab. (20) Aces. (22) Tot. (23) Mouth. (25) Trots. (27) No. (28) Talented. (30) In. (31) Egg. (32) Royle.

DOWN:— (1) Exeter. (2) Leach. (3) No. (4) Ass. (5) Needy. (6) Or. (7) Rash. (8) Ipswich. (10) Log. (11) Tibbott. (12) Best. (14) Ate. (16) Rattle. (19) Among. (20) At. (21) Stone. (24) User. (26) Reg. (27) Nil. (28) To. (29) Do.

Jumbled Name: ROBIN TURNER.

'WE'VE LIT A FIRE THAT WILL NEVER GO OUT'

says Wrexham player-manager Arfon Griffiths

IF there is one thing that delights Wrexham manager Arfon Griffiths more than any other about his winning team . . . it is NOT playing in it! "Never happier than when I'm sitting on the bench — as long as the lads are taking both points," he says.

"You see I always feel if we're winning midfield, we're winning the game. The more often they can do that without me, the more I like it.

"I regard myself as the odd man out. Our established midfield is Mickey Thomas, Les Cartwright and Mel Sutton and I'm happier out of it.

"I was playing consistently early in the season and I was organising things on the pitch when I was involved in the thick of games. That's all wrong. You can run a side so much better when you are not physically part of it."

Not that these words signify the end of a remarkable playing career by the 36-year-old Griffiths. He came back into the team immediately after the F.A. Cup defeat by Arsenal, ensured there would be no backlash of stuttering form and helped fashion the victories against Swindon and Walsall which immediately picked up the promotion drive.

"In fact, next season I'll be even fitter!" he vows. "Injury cost me much of the pre-season training and I'll be working right through the summer to ensure I'm 100 per cent for next August."

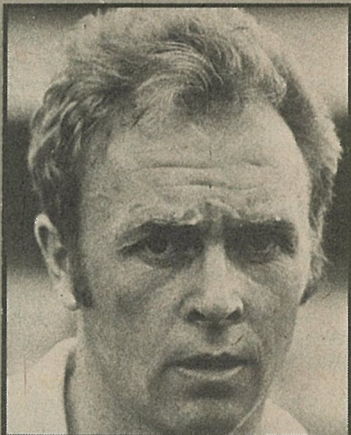
'Success'

Welsh football's M.B.E. has been hailed as Brian Clough's rival as Manager of the Year but disagrees: "This season's success just hasn't come out of the blue.

"John Neal was the man who laid the foundations at the Racecourse. The moment when everything took off was in 1974 when we won the Welsh Cup and then played our first matches in Europe. From then on, it's been a forward momentum. We've lit a fire here which will never go out.

"I've been listening to some people whose opinions matter. They say we could do in the Second Division exactly what Brighton have achieved after promotion a year ago — knock on the door of the First Division.

"Where we've scored over other Third Division clubs this season is we have a strong squad rather than a strong team. If other sides lose a player or two through illness or injury, they struggle. We've faced that kind of problem and come through it without losing our rhythm or effectiveness.



"Our international goalkeeper Dai Davies breaks a thumb, so in comes young Eddie Niedzwiecki; top scorer Dixie McNeil is injured, so John Lyons takes his chance to score two match-winning goals against Swindon in the important first League match after our F.A. Cup defeat by Arsenal; Wales defender John Roberts drops out, Wayne Cegielski takes over with confidence; our longest-serving player Mickey Evans is hurt and replaced soundly by young Alan Hill. Then I'm around if needed.

"One way or another, we've got outstanding players to come in and do a job for other outstanding players."

Griffiths admits to "thoroughly enjoying" his first experience of management and stresses he is not just feeling this way after a season of triumph in League, League Cup and F.A. Cup. "People maybe don't realise it now but we were fifth from bottom early in the season.

"I know football management has its bad times as well as its good. It will never be a bed of roses and I went through my trials and tribulations at the start of this season."

Those "trials and tribulations" concerned two major decisions which marked out Griffiths as a manager of courage. He sacked his Welsh team-mate goalkeeper Brian Lloyd and replaced him with current Wales goalkeeper Dai Davies: he sold the free-scoring Bill Ashcroft to his close friend John Neal, now at Middlesbrough, and replaced him with the 31-year-old McNeil at £65,000, more than doubling the previous record paid in importing John Roberts from Birmingham City.

Both moves were sensationally successful. The bold sign of a potentially great manager.

WHO is the player who flopped at his role in soccer yet still managed to find a place in Ally MacLeod's World Cup 40?

It is an unusual question, but it must surely apply to Dundee United's classy centre-half Paul Hegarty, who was bought from Hamilton for £40,000 five seasons ago.

Hegarty was signed as an attacker. That was where manager Jim McLean wanted him in his side, but it is in the middle of the defence Hegarty has settled and the Tannadice boss has already

two centre-halves. Celtic's Roddie MacDonald, another surprise inclusion, is in the same category as Hegarty.

It would be like something out of a storybook if Hegarty did make the final 22. Tannadice fans are swift to tell you he fully deserves any success that comes his way.

Hegarty keeps quiet about his international chances. He is just glad to be part of MacLeod's plans and hopes for the best.

Hegarty may not be in the firing line these days, but that doesn't mean he is off the scoring lists. He

'FAILED FORWARD' COULD BE A SCOTLAND WORLD CUP DEFENDER

gone on record as saying he would not have dreamed of paying such a fee for a centre-half.

However, Hegarty just didn't click in the United attack. The poise and grace that made him a target for Leeds United and several other English clubs before McLean beat them to the punch appeared to have vanished forever.

He lost his confidence, couldn't settle in the side and, consequently, was in and out the team with monotonous regularity. His heading ability was never doubted. His timing in the air is almost faultless so it is hardly surprising McLean decided to give him a chance in the middle of his defence.

Hegarty has stepped in, played brilliantly and his reward was the call up from Ally MacLeod, who says in his usual fashion, the United man is one of the most impressive defenders he has seen in Britain this season.

"It was great to see Paul getting a place in the pool," says his team-mate Graeme Payne, who along with David Narey, completed a Dundee United hat-trick in MacLeod's World Cup plans.

"I was delighted for myself, of course, but it was just brilliant that Paul's work this season was recognised, too. There aren't many players who can say they have done well against him this season. He has been superb."

MacLeod is obviously looking for cover for Gordon McQueen in Argentina. He could play either Rangers' Tom Forsyth or Nottingham Forest's Kenny Burns in the central defensive position, but MacLeod would prefer a natural centre-half.

Forsyth is more recognised as a player to operate beside the centre-half while MacLeod would like to see Burns in a more creative role.

Hegarty is in with a real chance of going to South America if MacLeod does finally decide on taking

has scored some memorable and valuable goals this season, mainly with his head, of course, but Celtic fans still talk about a goal he scored against their favourites in a League Cup tie at Parkhead last year . . . and it wasn't with his head!

He glided past two challenges into the Celtic half of the field, saw the defence retreating and goalkeeper Peter Latchford slightly off his line. Hegarty then struck a lovely curling effort over Latchford and into the net. It gave his side a 1-1 draw and even the Celtic fans had to applaud in appreciation.

A goal like that must make people wonder how Hegarty failed as a forward, but failing has obviously been a blessing in disguise for the player and Dundee United. And Scotland, too, maybe . . .



'A SEASON OF DISASTER' for Derby's Roy McFarland



A SEASON to forget — that's Roy McFarland's summing up of the last nine months. Season 1977-78 has been one of complete disappointment and frustration for Derby County's popular captain.

McFarland has played only a mere handful of games for Derby this season. A nagging hamstring injury has lingered on for most of the season — frequently troubling him again after seemingly having been cured. It's been a thoroughly disappointing and frustrating period for McFarland — and also Derby.

The arrival of Tommy Docherty raised hopes of a return to the success days under Brian Clough. But erratic form and results have meant Docherty has been concentrating more and more on a big bid for honours next season.

McFarland has watched much of the play from the stand. He says: "It's certainly been one thing after another for me this term. I'd call it a disastrous season really and I just hope things will be better next time... they certainly couldn't be much worse."

"I can't remember a run of more than three or four games this season after which I've had some injury. Certainly, I don't think I've played seven or eight games in succession which is ridiculous. I've enjoyed it as much as ever when I have played but it's really been a case of getting me fit and getting me out there."

Where McFarland has spent much of the season... watching from the stand, with him are injured team-mates John Middleton and Colin Todd.

"I'm looking forward very much to the break. In fact, I can't really remember a season where I've been so keen for it to end. I just want to put it right behind me now and get fully fit after a good rest during the summer."

"It looks like a pretty long break this time and that suits me fine. I want to come back completely fit, fully refreshed and determined to have a better season next term."

McFarland knows it hasn't been a happy season personally. And it hasn't been a great one for Derby who will finish in an undistinguished mid-table position. Tommy Docherty wanted something better than that when he took over — but things didn't go as smoothly as he would have wanted.

Injuries to key players like McFarland made life difficult for the former Manchester United boss. And as McFarland says: "New faces have arrived at various stages and that means they're always going to need time to settle down and fit into the side and the club."

"Derby, at the moment, is in a state of change. Some players have gone, others have come in



and with all that coming and going, it was bound to be an unsettled spell. But with the quality of players we have at the club, I see no reason why things should not be back to normal next season. We have the players to start challenging for trophies and we have the set-up off the field."

"I'm 30 now and I make no certain rules about when I shall play until or when I will pack up. But I just take each season as it comes and I'm hoping I'll go on playing and enjoying my football for a few

more terms yet.

"Injuries are always a worry and it's certainly been a bad time for me throughout this season. But I'm very hopeful of being back and fully fit after the summer to play a complete part in helping Derby back to the top."

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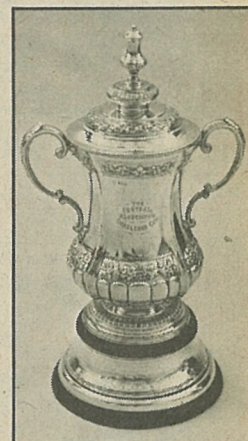
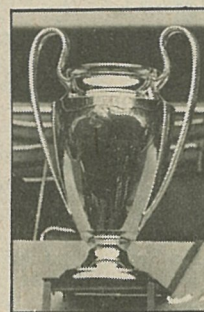
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A FUTURE ENGLAND STAR— AND ONE OF THE RECENT PAST...

DEREK STATHAM— SO VALUABLE HIS BOSS WANTS TO LOCK HIM UP!

WEST Bromwich Albion left-back Derek Statham has emerged this season as one of the most exciting prospects in the game.

The 18-year-old defender has had many shrewd judges drooling at his tremendous ability.

And England boss Ron Greenwood was so impressed by Statham he called him up for the "B" international against West Germany in February.

But a rearranged F.A. Cup-tie against Derby meant Statham had to miss his big chance. He has no need to fret, though, his opportunity will come again soon.

Statham, born in Wolverhampton — where he still lives — and a member of the England youth team last season, has made massive strides in the short time he has been an Albion regular.

His early season form earned him an England Under-21 cap and brought an inquiry from manager of the season Brian Clough — boss of all-conquering Nottingham Forest.

And Ron Atkinson, Albion's new boss, still can't believe his luck in inheriting a player of Statham's quality.

"People like Leeds manager Jimmy Armfield and former Liverpool chief Bill Shankly told me Statham is the best left-back England have produced since Ray Wilson — and I can see why they rate him so highly," enthuses Atkinson.

"And I had an earlier indication Derek was a little bit above the ordinary.

'Views'

"For when I knew I was in the running for the West Brom job I asked a friend of mine to have a look at them for a couple of weeks and let me know his views.

"He came back and told me they had a left-back who was so good I would lie awake at night marveling at his skills. And that friend is not far wrong.

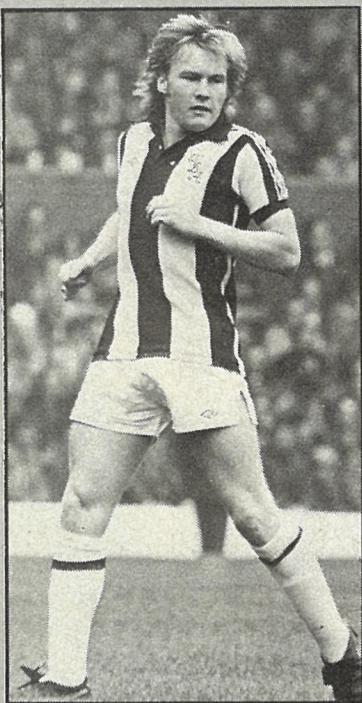
"Derek is an absolutely brilliant player. He's a gem and I'm frightened to let him go home at night in case another manager kidnaps him.

"I'd sleep easier if I could lock him away in the night safe or vault of a bank."

Ask Atkinson to put a valuation on Statham and he hesitates. As far as Big Ron is concerned the kid is priceless.

Yet when Albion had to insure Statham for the England trip to Germany — before he was forced to pull out — they rated him at a cool £400,000.

Atkinson goes on: "Of course there are people who try to find



fault with Derek. And needless to say they are all with other clubs.

"They claim he is fine at going forward but is not too good at defending.

"All I can say is he kept Steve Coppell quiet in our two F.A. Cup-ties against Manchester United — and there are not too many full-backs who manage that.

"It was a pity he had to miss that England 'B' trip to Germany. But he'll get plenty of chances to make up for that disappointment.

"It's only a matter of time before he gets into the FULL England team. And once he's in he'll give years of outstanding service to his country."

Statham himself still finds it hard to take in all that's happening and he is certainly not affected by all the success.

He is still modest and unassuming and is genuinely surprised by the accolades he is earning.

"I was staggered when my name was included in that squad for the 'B' international in Augsburg. In fact I did not even know it was being announced," he said.

"I was delighted to have earned a place in the Under-21 side earlier in the season and at this stage would have happily settled for holding on to that."

Statham can look forward to a whole lot more than that. In fact there's no limit to what the kid from the Black Country can achieve and the future of English football is secure with players like him around.

NORMAN HUNTER— HIS PROUDEST MOMENT WAS COMING ON AS SUB!

"GIVE ME another Cup Final at Wembley," says Norman Hunter. "Either the F.A. or the League Cup — and I would be happy."

The veteran Bristol City, ex-Leeds United and England campaigner was answering a query about his ambitions in the game. He has had 15 seasons of professional football in which he has appeared in more than 600 League games — and still rates a Wembley Final as an unforgettable experience.

Following his years at the top with Leeds, Norman has been playing an important role in Bristol City's bid to consolidate a place in the First Division.

Now he considers the spade work has been done, and looks forward to the Ashton Gate club improving further next term.

"We've been doing better," says Hunter. "Next season will be our third in the First Division since we were promoted, and although there is still some way to go, we are heading in the right direction."

Reviewing the highlights of a highly-successful career such as Norman Hunter has enjoyed is not easy. But he clearly recalls his proudest moment.

"It was when I went on as substitute for England against Spain in my first international, in Spain. We won 3-1, and it gave me my biggest thrill."

Winning

In his great days with Leeds, the Elland Road men were frequently heading in the right direction in League and Cup — but Norman admits United were better at reaching Cup Finals than winning them.

"We were the best team around in our hey-day," he says. "Liverpool were our big rivals, and a similar sort of side, but they seemed to be one up on us when it came to winning trophies.

"Yet Leeds had tremendous talent, right through the team. In defence, midfield and up-front we had great players, with plenty of heart to go with their ability. And, of course, it was Don Revie who made us tick.

"It takes time to build up the sort of side we were, to develop the team spirit that we had, and which was also present in the Liverpool teams. At Leeds, we achieved a unique understanding, and in addition, they were a fine bunch of lads. I won't pick out any individual players, because they all had so much to offer and worked hard for each other on the field."

In spite of the fact Hunter has seen his name among the goal-



scorers with Bristol City, he is modest about his goalgetting abilities.

"I started off as a forward, but soon found out that it was not my position, and later went into midfield."

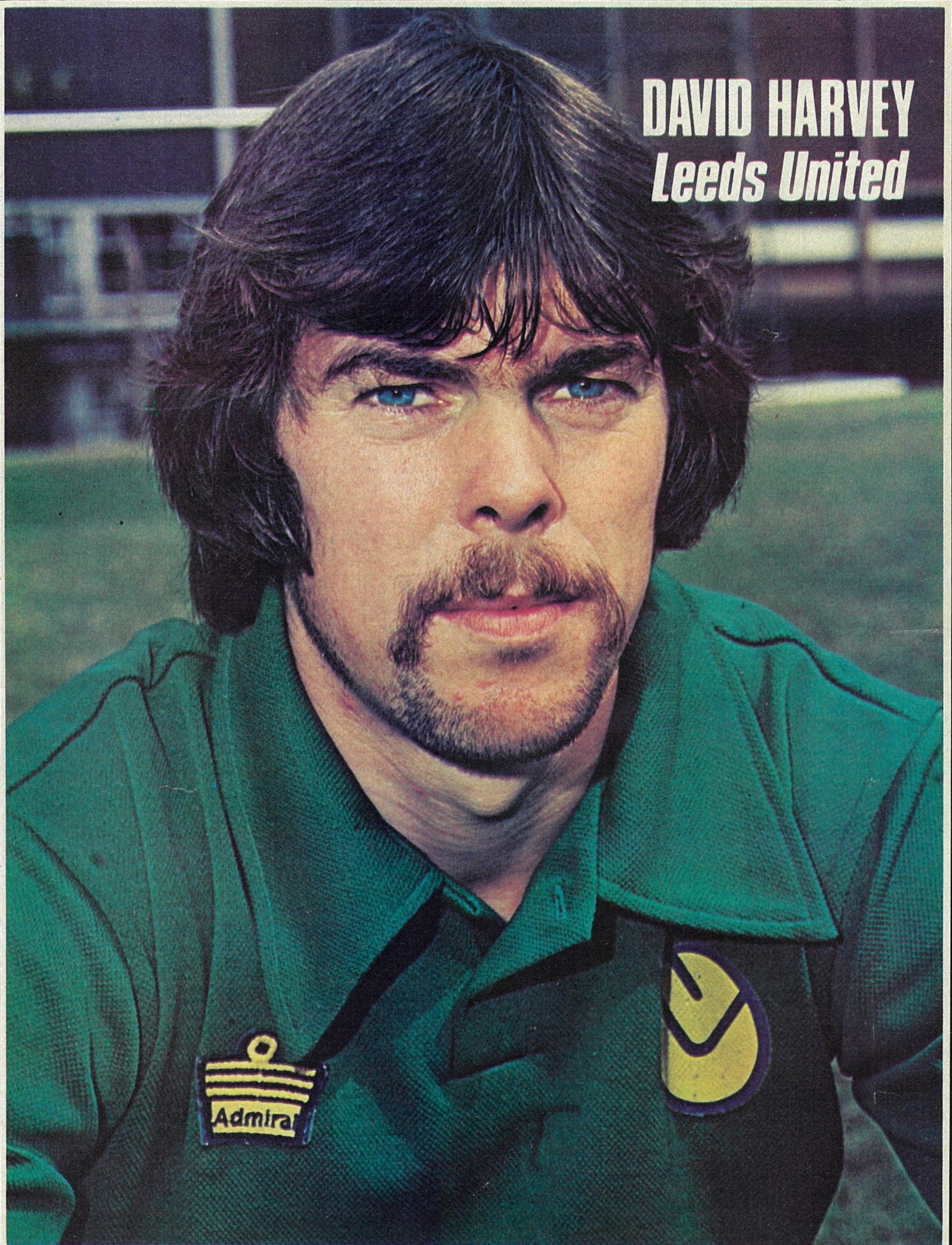
It has been as a defender who prevented goals, rather than scoring them, that has earned Norman his reputation. And though he was a key player in a Leeds' rearguard that was difficult to score against, Norman believes there has not been any significant changes in the goalscoring rate since he started his career, and up to the present time.

"Goals are still being scored regularly against modern defences."

It was earlier in his playing days Norman reached Wembley to turn out for Leeds against Liverpool for a match in which goals were certainly hard to get — the 1965 F.A. Cup Final. The score was 1-1 at the end of 90 minutes, before Ian St. John headed in the winning goal for Liverpool during extra-time.

"Losing was a disappointment," recalls Hunter. "But I was young then, and Leeds were just on the way to building up a team that was to really make its name — so what we accomplished after that helped to compensate."

DAVID HARVEY
Leeds United



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